

The *Stronger Start for Working Families Act* is supported by stakeholders across the country including Prosperity Indiana, America Forward, American Compass, BPC Action, Bread for the World, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Niskanen Center, R Street Institute, RESULTS, Third Way, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute, and United Way of Central Indiana.

“Across the country, working families are feeling financial strain as costs continue to rise. We hear stories from families, and the organizations that serve them, about choosing between groceries and a filled prescription, keeping their houses cold in the winter to keep skyrocketing energy bills down, choosing overtime when they want to go back to school, and sometimes making these tough calls and still not having enough to pay their bills. We support the *Stronger Start for Working Families Act* as it responds to the needs of Hoosier families who want to give their children what they need to grow up healthy, focus on their education, and prepare for their futures,” **said Aspen Clemons, Executive Director of Prosperity Indiana**

“We applaud Senators Hassan and Young for this important legislation that expands the accessibility of the Child Tax Credit. America Forward Coalition organizations implement innovative, evidence-based economic mobility strategies nationwide. While the Child Tax Credit is a powerful tool to support families' financial security and economic mobility, Coalition members know the CTC's earned income threshold excludes many families who could benefit. This critical bill will make a meaningful difference in the lives of families across the country,” **said Deborah Smolover, Executive Director, America Forward.**

“Middle class security is out of reach for far too many American families. Senators Hassan and Young understand that putting the American dream within reach will require both getting more support to working families, and making sure their work is rewarded. The pro-family, pro-work Stronger Start for Working Families Act advances both principles, by making sure the Child Tax Credit benefits families starting with the first dollar they earn,” **said Chris Griswold, Policy Director, American Compass**

“BPC Action applauds Sens. Hassan and Young for leading the *Stronger Start for Working Families Act*, which allows families with the most need to access a larger Child Tax Credit sooner while maintaining a strong incentive for parents to work,” **said Michele Stockwell, President of BPC Action.** “This bill signals a pragmatic, pro-family reform that will improve economic security and well-being for millions.”

“Years of inflation have eroded the purchasing power of struggling working-class families. Senators Hassan and Young's *Stronger Start for Working Families Act* would tap into the Child Tax Credit's long history of bipartisan support to supplement working families' earnings with a much-needed boost at tax time,” **said Josh McCabe, Director of Social Policy, Niskanen Center**

“The R Street Institute supports the *Stronger Start for Working Families Act*. This impactful legislation would modernize earned income thresholds and increase refundability under the Child Tax Credit—putting more money back in the pockets of working families. R Street's Project for Women and Families has long prioritized policies that reduce child poverty, and this proposal

would do just that. We applaud Senator Hassan (D-N.H.) and Senator Young (R-Ind.) for their bipartisan leadership and encourage more Senators to join them in this important effort. Ensuring that children in this country do not grow up in poverty is not a partisan issue; it is simply the right thing to do,” **said Anthony Lamorena, Senior Federal Affairs Manager at the R Street Institute.**

“Sen. Hassan (D-NH) and Sen. Young (R-IN) should be applauded for their bipartisan leadership in introducing the *Stronger Start for Working Families Act*. This legislation will give millions of families working in low to moderate wage jobs a much needed \$375 increase to their Child Tax Credit (CTC),” **said RESULTS Executive Director Joanne Carter.** “It is an important reminder that Congress can work together across party lines to promote the financial well-being of families.”

“The *Stronger Start for Working Families Act* will meaningfully expand the reach of the Child Tax Credit at a time when families are struggling to afford necessities like child care and groceries. We applaud Senators Hassan and Young for their bipartisan leadership on a working families tax cut that is effective, simple, and fiscally responsible,” **said Zach Moller, Director of the Economic Program, Third Way**