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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
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S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

We write to you today as leaders from across the conservative movement, and on behalf of memberships focused on the American governing principles of liberty, life, family, and prosperity. We believe the U.S. Senate has an opportunity to support and advance each of these principles by quickly approving H.R. 7024, the *Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act*, which was approved by the U.S. House with overwhelming bipartisan support. This legislation, if enacted, would provide common-sense tax relief to families who need it most, while also encouraging economic growth by incentivizing investment and job creation in the private sector.

Perhaps most important, H.R. 7024 is pro-child and pro-parent. It is universally understood that growing costs fueled by out-of-control inflation have strained family budgets, especially for younger, larger families. The current Child Tax Credit (CTC) weakens over time as a result of inflation, and as families grow in size. H.R. 7024 addresses each of these problems by tacking the CTC to inflation and eliminating the penalty for having more than one child. As conservatives, we believe that every child is a gift from the Creator, and that the family forms the backbone of a flourishing society. These two reforms stand on those foundational beliefs.

The bill before you is also decidedly pro-life. Many of us work every day alongside expectant mothers who desire to birth and parent their child. So often, the one thing needed to take that step of courage is a glimmer of hope that there is a way to provide for that child. One of the most financially challenging times in a family's development is pregnancy and the first few months of a baby's life. This period often involves necessary income loss from a budget that is already stretched. The CTC provisions in question provide a common-sense way to provide targeted pro-life tax relief to point of greatest need.

Finally, H.R. 7024 will encourage workforce participation and support a family's climb up the economic ladder. By preserving the structure of the Trump-era tax cuts rather than changes advanced by the American Rescue Plan, the CTC will both support working families at their place of greatest need and encourage those same families to be robust participants in the workforce.

This is what conservative legislating should look like. While the House-passed language does not reflect the entirety of any single stakeholder's policy preferences, its totality enhances liberty, embraces the inherent value of every life and every child, strengthens the family unit, and

promotes economic flourishing. We urge the U.S. Senate to come together and take this important step forward.

Sincerely,

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