

## Rosario's Child Tax Credit Testimony

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My name is Rosario Jimenez, and I work for a faith-based organization in NYC, Harlem. I'm also a Parent Leader with the Early Childhood Policy and Advocacy Lab at The Education Trust—NY and Raising NY. I have been forced to play a single-parent role in raising and providing for my children since 2020 due to a family separation caused by legal situations. As a result, my children and I have endured years of many hardships, the most severe of which have been financial.

I have three children, ages nineteen, seventeen, and three years old. My family has been a beneficiary of the Child Tax Credit since 2016, and it has been a tremendous support that has helped us cover part of our annual expenses and debts; it has given us emotional relief and allowed us to put our energy into other areas of family interest.

If the amount were higher, my family could be financially stable for more months, as our expenses and debts have increased since my oldest daughter started college two years ago, and with inflation that is affecting everyone but even more the underprivileged like my family. I urge those in power to consider approving a higher child tax allowance; all human beings deserve a financially stable life.