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Dear Advocate,

**We need your help now** to ensure that millions of workers don’t lose their tax credits. Congress seems ready to extend more than 50 tax breaks primarily for corporations, but may let key provisions of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) expire.

If this happens, some 50 million workers will lose all or part of their tax credits and many will fall into (or deeper into) poverty.

**Please take action now.**

Many victims of domestic violence fall into poverty when they flee their abusers, facing financial hardships as they attempt to rebuild their lives. Programs like the EITC and CTC help sustain the long-term security of those fleeing domestic violence. A local shelter shared this story:

*When Susanna implemented a plan to keep herself and her children safe from her abuser, she incurred debt for an emergency stay in a hotel and basic living expenses after being cut off from a joint account. At tax time, Susanna learned that because she worked in 2013 and had two young children, she was*
eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit. The EITC allowed her to pay off the $700 debt she had put on a high interest credit card, start an emergency savings account, and enroll in a savings program. The EITC provided an opportunity for this family to create safety, stability, and most importantly, a pathway out of poverty.

**Take a minute right now to urge Congress to renew these important tax credits.**

Senators and Representatives cannot afford to ignore their responsibility to working families and survivors of domestic violence like Susanna. Millions of lives depend on their decision to make these provisions permanent.

I know I can count on you to help us ensure survivors have the tools they need.

For peace and safety,

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