In the wake of the Great Recession, poverty remains high.

More than one in seven women live in poverty.

Nearly six in ten poor children live in families headed by women.

About one in four women of color live in poverty.

Federal and state programs lift the incomes of millions of Americans above the poverty line.

Congress is about to choose between protecting programs for struggling families and expanding tax cuts for millionaires. That choice should be easy.

Social Security: 21.4 million
Unemployment Insurance: 2.3 million
Earned Income Tax Credit: 5.7 million

Source: NWLC calculations based on the 2012 Current Population Survey. Social Security and Unemployment Insurance are counted in the official poverty measure; after-tax benefits like the Earned Income Tax Credit are not.