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REPRESENTING ALABAMA'S 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

## American Rescue Plan Child Tax Credit

Dear Friend,

I wanted to share some very exciting news!

U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN -

Today, parents and guardians in Alabama begin receiving payments of up to \$300 per month from the expanded and improved Child Tax Credit!



I know that many parents, grandparents, and guardians in Alabama have been struggling to afford food, child care, health care, and other necessities during this pandemic. That's why I fought to include an expansion of the Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan which House and Senate Democrats passed in March. Now, almost all families with children qualify, including families who don't make enough to file income taxes.

If you are a parent or guardian who doesn't normally file income taxes, <u>click here</u> to sign up for your payments.

I also know that in order for this relief to be useful, families need it now, not in one lump sum payment that doesn't arrive until the 2022 tax season. That's why we made sure that the American Rescue Plan distributes the Child Tax Credit in monthly payments. Just like the stimulus checks, these payments will

be deposited directly into your bank account or will arrive by mail.

I cannot overstate how transformational the expanded Child Tax Credit will be for Alabama families. In the 7th congressional district alone, almost <u>94% of children</u> will benefit from these payments—that's 138,300 children!

The Child Tax Credit is expected to lift <u>14,200 children</u> in our district out of poverty and cut child poverty in the United States in <u>HALF</u>!



If you have questions about the Child Tax Credit, visit the White House's frequently asked questions page by <u>clicking here</u>.

It has been a difficult year, but thanks to the American Rescue Plan and the Child Tax Credit, hard-working Alabama families will now have monthly payments to help them afford housing, food, health care, child care, and bills. As your Congresswoman, I will continue to make every effort to ensure that you know about the critical resources available to you as we put this pandemic behind us.

My staff and I are prepared to assist you should you have questions about the Child Tax Credit or other federal programs. To get in touch with a caseworker, call one of my district offices. Phone numbers are <u>listed here</u>.

Be sure to check my <u>website</u> regularly and follow me on social media (<u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>) for the latest updates.

As always, take good care.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell



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