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REMINDER: Texas Republicans Opposed Cutting Child Poverty in Half

AUSTIN, Texas – Today, Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa released the following statement on Texas Republicans’ opposition to expanding the Child Tax Credit in the aftermath of pandemic-era federal economic benefits expiring:

“When the Biden-Harris administration and Texas Democrats secured the enhanced Child Tax Credit — the single largest tax cut for working Texas families in generations — despite every Texas Republican voting against it, childhood poverty fell to record lows. Texas Republicans’ decision to oppose the extension of that expanded tax credit has now increased poverty and weakened our economy.

“This is yet another reminder of what’s at stake in 2024: While MAGA Republicans are hellbent on rigging the economy for the top one percent while leaving working families behind, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Texas Democrats in Congress are fighting to continue building the economy from the bottom up and the middle out.”

Here’s a look at how MAGA Republicans fought against expanding the Child Tax Credit:

Every single Republican in Congress voted against legislation to expand the Child Tax Credit — which led to a historic drop in child poverty — when pandemic-era government assistance benefits expired in 2022.

ABC News: “Included in the 628 pages of the American Rescue Plan is a change that experts say will prove to be a ‘historic’ step in reducing child poverty. The proposal calls for a one-year expansion in both the value and scope of the child tax credit to American families, something some studies estimate could lift millions of children out of poverty. The measure would increase the amount of the child tax credit to \$3,600 per child under 6 and \$3,000 per child between the ages of 6 and 18. That is up from a maximum benefit of \$2,000 under the current policy. It also expands the ages of children eligible, which was previously capped at age 17.”

“But even for Republicans, the measure did not prove to be a sticking point in partisan negotiations over the bill -- which still did not get a single Republican vote in the House or Senate.”

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