



June 21, 2023

The Honorable Jacqui Irwin  
State Capitol  
1021 O St, Room 6220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1002 (Irwin) – CalEITC, Young Child Tax Credit, & Foster Youth Credit – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Irwin,

On behalf of All Home, I am writing in strong support of AB 1002, your bill which would allow the Franchise Tax Board to create a simplified, stand-alone filing form to claim the CalEITC, Young Child Tax Credit, and Foster Youth Credit without needing to file a full individual income tax return. All Home is a Bay Area organization focused on addressing the cycle of homelessness and poverty and creating more housing stability and economic mobility for Californians with the lowest incomes. AB 1002 furthers our work by making it easier for Californians with low- and extremely-low incomes to claim the tax credits they have earned, increasing their economic security, reducing poverty, and maximizing the impact of the state's existing tax credit programs.


In the Bay Area, over 1 million people live with extremely low incomes – an average of \$17,000 each year – and are one financial crisis away from experiencing homelessness. The CalEITC, along with the related Young Child Tax Credit and Foster Youth Tax Credit, is one of the most important anti-poverty tools that our state has to offer to working individuals and families. In 2021, the state awarded nearly \$1.3 billion in CalEITC credits to over 4.2 million Californians. The state's safety net is essential to increasing economic and housing security, but persistent barriers in access mean that thousands of individuals do not claim tax credits they've earned.

Households who have the hardest time getting tax credits are those who need them the most. This includes thousands of people who are already connected to government agencies through other benefits; over 400,000 SNAP recipients who are eligible

for CalEITC don't receive it. Eligible CalEITC recipients report time and time again that not meeting the filing threshold combined with the complex filing methods that are currently used in California hinder their ability to claim the credit. Analysis from [Code for America](#) found that 21 percent of low-income filers could not provide the earnings documentation required to file taxes, creating a significant barrier.

AB 1002 will create a stand-alone tax return form that would allow certain qualified CalEITC recipients to claim the earned income tax credit, the young child tax credit, or the foster youth tax credit. Dramatically simplifying the process of claiming these critical tax credits is an important step towards making the social safety net truly accessible to all eligible Californians. For these reasons, All Home supports AB 1002 and thanks you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tomiquia Moss".

Tomiquia Moss  
Founder and CEO  
All Home