



Working to Reduce Poverty in America

June 26, 2023

The Honorable Danny Davis
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Blake Moore
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Gwen Moore
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Randy Feenstra
1440 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Representatives:

On behalf of Catholic Charities USA, and its 167-member agencies operating over 3,000 services sites across 50 states and the U.S. territories, I write in support of the Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2023 (HR 3662). This legislation would make the current adoption tax credit fully refundable, offsetting the costs of adoption for all adoptive families, including those with low-and middle-incomes.

One of the bedrock ministries of Catholic Charities at its founding in 1910 was the care for orphaned or abandoned children. Service to children and families, including adoption and foster care services, continues to be a part of the Catholic Charities ministry.

A fully refundable adoption tax credit would help two groups of people. Low- to middle-income families wanting to adopt would no longer have a financial barrier and children waiting to be adopted will have a better chance of finding a forever family. The Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act is essential to achieve these outcomes.

Catholic Charities ministries across the country have long worked to ensure that children without parents or families are loved and able to grow up in a supportive family environment. We are committed to assisting you in this important service to society. We urge you to enact the fully refundable adoption tax credit in support of adoptive families and the children they hope to receive into their homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sister Donna Markham, OP." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sister Donna Markham OP, PhD
President & CEO
Catholic Charities USA

Chair of the Board
Neal Black

President & CEO
Sr. Donna Markham OP, PhD

Episcopal Liaison
The Most Reverend
Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice, FL

