

# A NEW CHILD TAX CREDIT WOULD PUT US ON THE ROAD TO A STRONGER NEW MEXICO



## THE PROBLEM

- New Mexico’s tax system is upside down—most New Mexico families pay more than twice the rate in state and local taxes than the wealthiest pay.
- Recent federal tax changes made things worse by increasing state taxes on families with children.
- New Mexico has one of the worst rates of child poverty in the nation.

## OUR HARD-WORKING FAMILIES DESERVE BETTER



## BENEFITS

- Improvements in infant and maternal health<sup>1</sup>
- Decreased poverty<sup>2</sup>
- Reduced childhood hunger<sup>3</sup>
- Better test scores<sup>4</sup>
- Higher graduation and college attendance rates<sup>5</sup>
- More earning power as adults<sup>6</sup>

## THE NEW CHILD TAX CREDIT WOULD



Benefit 500,000 New Mexico kids



Provide \$25 to \$175 per child, depending on income, and be fully refundable



Return \$67 million to New Mexico families, who would spend much of it in their local communities



Improve economic equity for families of color and women



Help mitigate the higher state taxes these hard-working families would pay due to federal tax changes

“As governor, I will build women’s economic security and opportunities by supporting a Child Tax Credit to reverse the impact of the Republican tax cuts that are increasing the tax burden for many New Mexico families.”

—Michelle Lujan Grisham, *New Mexicans for Michelle* website, December, 2018

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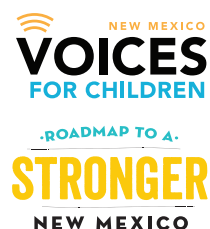


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