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Honorable Phil Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Budget Leaders,

On behalf of the [Truth and Justice in Child Support Coalition](#), it is with the deepest gratitude that our organizations thank you and all the members of the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees for prioritizing low-income families in the California 2022-2023 budget by bringing incredible reform to the state's child support program.

Ending the practice of intercepted child support payments for families currently and formerly receiving public benefit assistance will be transformative for families in our state. This policy change will put \$430 million back in the pockets of low-income children and parents each year, right a historic wrong, and spur other states and the federal government to follow California's lead on creating a more just child support system.

We especially thank you for recognizing and addressing the systemic racism in our current policy that disproportionately requires families of color to pay twice for government benefits. This policy change represents an unprecedented investment in the wealth and well-being of low-income children and families in our state's child support system and will show states around the country that funding the social safety net on the backs of struggling families is both counter-productive and ineffective.

We look forward to learning more details from the trailer bill language and we are always available to help the Administration implement this reform.

In sincerest gratitude,

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