

## CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR TOOL

United Way of Connecticut hosts an easy-to-use platform for legislative engagement. Remember, **even as few as 5 messages** about an issue from a constituent is significant for elected officials.

This tool sends an email directly from you to the state legislators in the House and Senate that represent you in the General Assembly. We regularly pre-load scripts with updated data, but you are welcome and encouraged to customize them with your personal story.

### It only takes 2 minutes!

- Step 1:** Visit [alice.ctunitedway.org/united-way-policy-agenda](https://alice.ctunitedway.org/united-way-policy-agenda)
- The forms are embedded throughout the site
- Step 2:** Add your contact information
- This allows the message to come directly from your email address to the legislators who represent your districts
  - Consider submitting for the address where you live and again for where you work
- Step 3:** Click “Edit Message” to add your story
- You can customize the subject line and body of the email
  - Your name is automatically generated as the signature
- Step 4:** Press “Send”
- You can also press “Preview” to see what your message looks like
- Step 5:** Share this tool widely across your networks
- Share this or specific policy page links on your communications platforms
  - We can generate reports on the use of these links for your marketing campaigns

**Before:** The tool is embedded throughout the website

Send a message to your State Senator and State Representative urging them to support creating a permanent, fully refundable CT Child Tax Credit. You can use this template as is, or for ideas to help get you started in composing your own message. If you are comfortable, we urge you to use our own voice and compose your own message, as it is the most effective.

**ALICE**

**Contact Information**

Prefix (required)

First Name (required)

Last Name (required)

Email (required)

Mobile or Home Phone (required)

Street Address (required)  
ex: 123 Main St

City (required)

State (required)

Zip (required)

Remember Me

I would like to receive email in the future.

**Message**

You must fill all required fields and click the Edit Messages button in order to edit your messages

Connecticut State Senator

Connecticut State Representative

Subject: CT Child Tax Credit Invests in 550,000 Children

Dear [[Recipient's Title and Name]]:

As one of your constituents in «City», I am concerned that more than 39% of households across Connecticut struggle to make ends meet every month. The recent 18% increase in the cost of everyday essentials is especially hard for families. Every day, another child skips a meal, loses their home or delays a medical appointment.

There's a practical and powerful solution: the CT Child Tax Credit. The proposed fully refundable \$600 per child credit would directly benefit 550,000 children. This will reach 75% of all families across every zip code in our state, especially working families and single parents who need it most.

Investing in our children isn't a handout, it's a responsibility. Every other state in the country that taxes a family's income offers a tax policy that offsets the costs of raising children. Please support H.B. 5113 and S.B. 36 to bring this solution to Connecticut. Our families and children deserve not just to survive, but to thrive.

**Action 2: Support no-cost school meals for Connecticut's kids**



Send a message to your State Senator and State Representative urging them to support no-cost school meals for Connecticut's kids. You can use this template as is, or for ideas to help get you started in composing your own message. If you are comfortable, we urge you to use our own voice and compose your own message, as it is the most effective.

Street Address  Zip

**After:** Add your contact information, edit the script with your story, and press send

**Contact Information**

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**Message**

Sen. John Fontana (D-CT-001)

Rep. Joshua Hall (D-CT-007)

Subject: CT Child Tax Credit Invests in 550,000 Children

Dear [[Recipient's Title and Name]]:

As one of your constituents in Hartford, I am concerned that more than 39% of households across Connecticut struggle to make ends meet every month. The recent 18% increase in the cost of everyday essentials is especially hard for families. Every day, another child skips a meal, loses their home or delays a medical appointment.

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I wish I had thought of this idea myself! Please pass the CT Child Tax Credit this year and I'll sign it into law.

Thank you for your support.

[ Your Full Name ]

**Impact:** For example, 144 messages were sent during a recent CT Child Tax Credit Day of Action

