

## **UnidosUS Talking Points on Brown-Bennett-Durbin Working Families Tax Relief Act**

### **Key Message #1: The Working Families Tax Relief Act would boost the incomes of nine million hardworking Latinos nationwide, and 370,000 Latino families in Arizona.**

- Even though Latinos work hard, their incomes have not kept up with inflation and the rising cost of living. Between 2007 and 2017, the median Latino family income increased by just over \$13,500, making it difficult for Latino families to cover the cost of basic necessities.<sup>1</sup>
- The Working Families Tax Relief Act would expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for childless workers and increase the maximum credit available to all workers.
- The additional money provided by the Working Families Tax Relief Act would provide more money for basic necessities, home repairs, and maintaining a car to get to work.

### **Key Message #2: The Working Families Tax Relief Act would have lasting benefits for millions of children.**

- The Working Families Tax Relief Act boosts the economic security of millions of low- and moderate-income families by making the Child Tax Credit (CTC) fully refundable and establishes a new \$3,000 Young Child Tax Credit.
- An analysis from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities finds that the Act would cut child poverty by an estimated 28%, lifting approximately 3.1 million children out of poverty.
- When families receive the CTC, children perform better in school, enroll in college at a higher rate, and continue to reap the benefits into adulthood by increased employment and higher earnings.

### **Key Message #3: The Working Families Tax Relief Act would expand the EITC and CTC to low- to moderate-income families in Puerto Rico.**

- Today, low- and moderate-income families in Puerto Rico can only receive federal refundable tax credits in limited circumstances.
- The Working Families Tax Relief Act would enable Puerto Rico to double the size of its current EITC, allowing more families to benefit from this important credit.
- Additionally, the Act would allow families with less than three children to claim the CTC, providing parity with families on the mainland.

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<sup>1</sup> UnidosUS. "Latinos and the Great Recession: 10 Years of Economic Loss and Recovery." March, 2019. Accessed April 4, 2019. [http://publications.unidosus.org/bitstream/handle/123456789/1932/unidosus\\_latinosgreatrecession.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](http://publications.unidosus.org/bitstream/handle/123456789/1932/unidosus_latinosgreatrecession.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y).