Help 1.1 million working families in Georgia **KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE**!

The Georgia Work Credit (or Earned Income Tax Credit) provides a bottom-up tax cut to workers earning low wages such as sales clerks and construction workers. The added funds help workers and their families afford basic necessities like food and utilities, as well as larger investments like reliable care to get to work or a down payment on a first home. Additionally, a Georgia Work Credit would put 300 million dollars in the state economy.

**THE CREDIT SUPPORTS WORKING FAMILIES**

Families could receive a 10% Georgia Work Credit that would lower their state income tax. This money could be used to fix a car, pay a bill, pay for child care or as another investment that could help them stay employed and provide economic mobility.

When husband and wife Matthew and Crystina talk about what’s most important to them, it’s clear that education is a top priority. “We’re definitely a family that just wants to always strive to do better,” said Crystina.

Like so many working families, they’ve found it challenging at times to pay the bills and put food on the table. Fortunately, they discovered a solution right inside their community – Food Security for America, a food co-op that receives food from the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

Joining the co-op not only helped the family stretch their food budget, but also brought them closer to their neighbors. Co-op members come together every other week to fill boxes with nutritious items that provide up to half of the food needs for members. “It helps that there are programs where you get your food and actually participate. It helps families like us who are trying to better ourselves and get to the next level,” said Matthew.

Families like Matthew and Christina’s stand to benefit from a Georgia Work Credit to keep their refrigerators stocked.

**1 in 5 GEORGIANS FACE HUNGER & ARE MORE LIKELY TO PAY FOR BILLS OVER GROCERIES**

The Georgia Work Credit would provide working families with peace of mind and help stop hunger.
MOMS AND KIDS BENEFIT

Over 26 million Americans claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), including about 20 million taxpayers with children. In 2012, 894,000 Georgia mothers with children received the federal EITC. It is estimated 21 million women nationally – 10 million of which are single mothers – received EITC and/or Child Tax Credit (CTC).

Decades of research and evidence from other states show that children whose families receive more income from the EITC are likelier to excel in their studies, graduate high school, attend college and earn more as adults. Over time, this helps break the cycle of poverty.

TOUGH CHOICES

Georgia families are working to make these difficult choices daily. A Georgia Work Credit could ease the burden. A full work credit would be particularly helpful to families paid minimum wage and who work long hours. Instead of having to choose between basic necessities, they would be better able to provide for their families.

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