

# In Obstructing The Build Back Better Agenda, Moderate Democrats Are Choosing A Minority Of Wealthy Households Over The Vast Majority Of Children That Would Benefit From Expanded Child Tax Credit

**SUMMARY:** President Biden's [Build Back Better](#) agenda will enact an historic middle class tax cut, in part through [extending the Child Tax Credit](#), which was originally [expanded](#) through President Biden's March 2021 American Rescue Plan. Democrats' middle class tax cut will be [paid for](#) by the wealthiest Americans finally paying their fair share, with no one earning under \$400,000 annually facing tax increases.

Several moderate Democrats have [threatened](#) the President's Build Back Better agenda amid [industry pressure](#) to vote against it. By obstructing Build Back Better, moderate lawmakers—many of whom are multi-millionaires themselves—are choosing a minority of wealthy households over the millions of children in their states who would benefit from the expansion of the child tax credit. These members of Congress include:

- **Multimillionaire Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV):** Build Back Better would help 93% of West Virginia children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 1% of West Virginia tax filers.
- **Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ):** Build Back Better would help approximately 92% of Arizona children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 6.6% of Arizona households.
- **Multimillionaire Rep. Josh Gottheimer (NJ-05):** Build Back Better would help 81% of New Jersey children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 22.6% of households in Gottheimer's district and less than 5% of households in his state.
- **Multimillionaire Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-07):** Build Back Better would help 90% of Georgia children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 11.5% of households in Bourdeaux's district and less than 5% of households in her state.
- **Rep. Jared Golden (ME-02):** Build Back Better would help 90% of Maine children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 1% of Maine tax filers and less than 3.3% of households in Golden's district.
- **Multimillionaire Rep. Ed Case (HI-01):** Build Back Better would help 91% of Hawai'i children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 11.8% of households in Case's district, about 1% of individual tax filers in his state, and less than 5% of households in his state.
- **Multimillionaire Rep. Jim Costa (CA-16):** Build Back Better would help 86% of California children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 3.8% of households in Costa's district.
- **Multimillionaire Rep. Kurt Schrader (OR-05):** Build Back Better would help 89% of Oregon children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 6.7% of households in Schrader's district and less than 5% of households in his state.
- **Multimillionaire Rep. Filemon Vela (TX-34):** Build Back Better would help 91% of Texas children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 2.6% of households in Vela's district.

- **Rep. Henry Cuellar (TX-28):** Build Back Better would help 91% of Texas children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on less than 3.8% of households in Cuellar’s district.
- **Millionaire Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (TX-15):** Build Back Better would help approximately 91% of Texas children through the Child Tax Credit while raising taxes on at less than 4% of households in Gonzalez’s district.

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**President Biden's Build Back Better Budget Bill Will Enact A Middle-Class Tax Cut, Partially Through Extending An Expanded Child Tax Credit Through 2025.**

**President Biden: "I Intend To Pass One Of The Biggest Middle Class Tax Cuts Ever — Paid For By Making Those At The Top Pay Their Fair Share."** "Look, I don't want to punish anyone's success, but the wealthy have been getting a free ride at the expense of the middle class for too long,' Biden tweeted Tuesday. 'I intend to pass one of the biggest middle class tax cuts ever — paid for by making those at the top pay their fair share.'" [Associated Press, [09/15/21](#)]

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- **Extending The Child Tax Credit Will "Slash Child Poverty [...] Reducing It To About 8.4% From 14.2%."** "Continuing the expanded credit beyond 2021 would slash child poverty even further, reducing

it to about 8.4% from 14.2%, a fall of roughly 40%, according to a recent study by Gregory Acs, vice president for income and benefits policy at the Urban Institute, and Kevin Werner, a research analyst in the income and benefits policy center at the Washington, D.C., think tank [...] Democrats included an expansion of the credit in their \$3.5 trillion budget plan, which lawmakers are currently debating and writing legislation to be voted on." [CNBC, [09/09/21](#)]

**In March 2021, President Biden Signed The American Rescue Plan Act Into Law Which Included A "Historic Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit" That Increased The Credit Received Per Child, Provided Monthly Tax Credit Payments, And Made The Tax Credit Fully Refundable So Families With An "Income Tax Bill [...] Less Than The Amount Of Their Child Tax Credit" Would Receive Payment For The Difference.**

**March 2021: President Biden Signed The American Rescue Plan Act Into Law, Providing \$1.9 Trillion In COVID-19 Relief To Struggling Americans.** "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic." [CBS News, [03/12/21](#)]

**The American Rescue Plan Included A "Historic Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit" That Increased The Credit "To \$3,000 For Each Child Between 6 And 17 Years Old And To \$3,600 For Each Child Under Age 6."** "The American Rescue Plan delivered major tax relief for working families with children through a historic expansion of the Child Tax Credit. In 2021, for most families, the Child Tax Credit is increased to \$3,000 for each child between 6 and 17 years old and to \$3,600 for each child under age 6. For example, a married couple making less than \$150,000 with two children under age 6 will be eligible for a Child Tax Credit of \$7,200 in 2021—at least \$3,200 more than they would have received prior to the American Rescue Plan." [The White House, [06/11/21](#)]

**Although Tax Relief Is "Typically Available Only When You File Your Taxes," The American Rescue Plan Allowed Child Tax Credit Payments To Be "Provided Monthly For The First Time Ever, Beginning In July [2021]," With Families Receiving "Monthly Payments Of Up To \$250 For Each Child 6 To 17 Years Old And \$300 For Each Child Under Age 6."** "While tax relief is typically available only when you file your taxes, thanks to the American Rescue Plan, Child Tax Credit payments will be provided monthly for the first time ever, beginning in July. This means needed relief will reach families sooner, and they can count on it each month to help make ends meet. To help with the costs of raising children, families will begin to receive monthly payments of up to \$250 for each child 6 to 17 years old and \$300 for each child under age 6." [The White House, [06/11/21](#)]

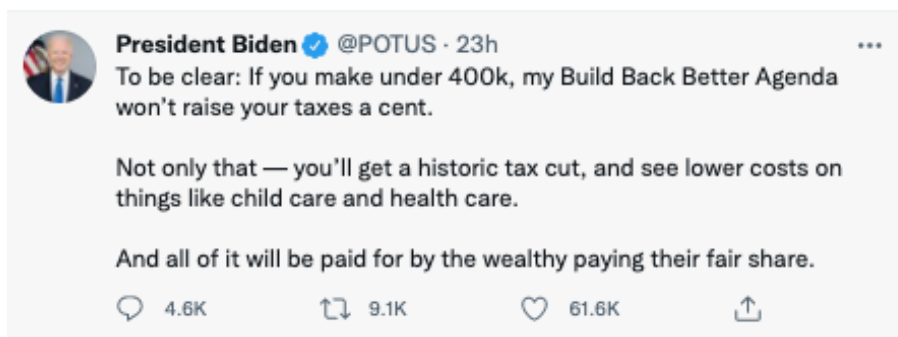
**The American Rescue Plan's Expanded Child Tax Credit Is Also "Fully Refundable," Allowing Families With An "Income Tax Bill [...] Less Than The Amount Of Their Child Tax Credit" To Receive Payment For The Difference.** "Under the American Rescue Plan, the Child Tax Credit will be fully refundable, meaning that if a family's income tax bill is less than the amount of their Child Tax Credit, they will get a payment for the difference. This will ensure for the first time that even the most hard-pressed families will get at least as much support as more affluent families." [The White House, [06/11/21](#)]

**President Biden's Middle Class Tax Cut Will Be "Paid For By Making Those At The Top Pay Their Fair Share," Upholding His Promise That "If You Make Under 400K, [The] Build Back Better Agenda Won't Raise Your Taxes A Cent."**

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[Twitter, @POTUS, [09/14/21](#)]

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**President Biden's Proposed Increases In Capital Gains Tax Would Only Apply To Those Earning More Than \$400,000, Which "Aligns With A Biden Administration Pledge Not To Raise Taxes For Households Making Less Than \$400,000."** "House Democrats on Monday proposed raising the top tax rate on capital gains and qualified dividends to 28.8%, one of several tax reforms aimed at wealthy Americans to help fund a \$3.5 trillion budget plan. The top federal rate would be 25% on long-term capital gains, which is an increase from the existing 20%. [...] Starting in 2022, taxpayers would incur the top federal rate if their taxable income exceeds \$400,000 (single), \$425,000 (head of household) and \$450,000 (married joint), according to a House Ways and Means Committee aide. That aligns with a Biden administration pledge not to raise taxes for households making less than \$400,000." [CNBC, [09/13/21](#)]

**Multimillionaire Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) Opposed The Build Back Better Agenda And Threatened Plans To Expand The Child Tax Credit, Which Would Help 93% Of West Virginia Children While Raising Taxes On Less Than 1% Of West Virginia Tax Filers.**

**West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin, Who Has Come Out Against President Biden's \$3.5 Trillion Budget Bill And Threatened Plans To Extend The Child Tax Credit, Was Estimated To Have An Average Net Worth Of \$7.6 Million In 2018.**

Joe Manchin Is A U.S. Senator Representing West Virginia. [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/15/21](#)]

As Of 2018, Sen. Joe Manchin Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$3,473,070 And \$11,773,999, For An Average Of \$7,623,534. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [09/15/21](#)]

On September 12, 2021, Sen. Manchin Announced He Would Not Support President Biden's Proposed \$3.5 Trillion Budget Plan. [USA Today, [09/12/21](#)]

**Sen. Manchin "Floated The Possibility Of Establishing A Work Requirement For People To Receive The Child Tax Credit."** "West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin on Sunday floated the possibility of establishing a work requirement for people to receive the child tax credit, a program that was expanded earlier this year by President Joe Biden and Democrats in the stimulus law. 'I support child tax credits. I sure am trying to help the children,' Manchin, an influential moderate Democrat, said Sunday, though he was hesitant about whether the credit should become permanent when asked Sunday by CNN's Dana Bash on 'State of the Union.' 'You want to help the children and the parents that are basically providing for those children,' Manchin said." [Business Insider, [09/12/21](#)]

- **Sen. Manchin: "'There's No Work Requirements Whatsoever. There's No Education Requirements Whatsoever For Better Skill Sets. Don't You Think, If We're Going To Help The Children, That The People Should Make Some Effort?'"** [Business Insider, [09/12/21](#)]
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### **...While Data Suggest That Less Than 1% Of West Virginians Would See Tax Increases Under President Biden's Plan.**

**According To The United States Census Bureau, 3.4% Of West Virginia Households Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year.** [United States Census Bureau, accessed [03/14/21](#)]

**According To An Analysis Of 2017 Tax Year Data, The Top 1% Of Tax Filers In West Virginia Had Income Of At Least \$318,831 In 2017.** [USA Today, [07/01/20](#)]

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## **Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) Announced She Would Not Support President Biden's Proposed Build Back Better Budget Bill.**

Sen. Kyrsten Sinema Is A Democratic Senator From Arizona. [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

In Late August 2021, Sen. Sinema Announced That She Would Not Support Democrats' Build Back Better \$3.5 Trillion Budget Bill. "Kyrsten Sinema still opposes her party's plans for a \$3.5 trillion, party-line spending bill. And she's not up for a negotiation about it. As House Democratic leaders hold back Sinema's own Senate-passed bipartisan infrastructure bill in order to push the Arizona Democrat and Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) to support a multitrillion-dollar spending bill, Sinema is making it crystal clear that her mind can't be changed. And that applies even as her own legislation becomes a bargaining chip in House Democrats' internal discussions." [Politico, [08/23/21](#)]

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Based On Census Data Collected In 2019, The Top 5% Of Households In Arizona Have Annual Incomes Of \$220,936 Or More. [The Center Square, [12/16/21](#)]

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## **Rep. Josh Gottheimer (NJ-05), Was Estimated To Be Worth Approximately \$8.9 Million On Average In 2018, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

**Rep. Josh Gottheimer Represents New Jersey's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

**In 2018, Rep. Josh Gottheimer Had Estimated Net Worth Between \$3,442,330 And \$14,428,999, For An Average Of \$8,935,664.** [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

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**According To The United States Census Bureau, Just 22.6% Of Households In New Jersey's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year.** [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

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**Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-07), Said To Be Worth Over \$3.1 Million, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux Represents Georgia's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

**In 2020, Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux Was Accused By Her Campaign Opponent Of Being Worth More Than \$3.1 Million.** "Bourdeaux, a former state budget analyst, is currently on unpaid leave from her job as a college professor, but her most recent annual salary was \$77,725.20. McCormick's campaign says her disclosures describe a woman of wealth. 'For 22 years Carolyn Bourdeaux has been paid by the taxpayer, yet somehow, she's worth more than \$3.1 million,' McCormick campaign manager Al Chaul said." [Atlanta Journal Constitution, [09/03/20](#)]

**Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux Is Among Nine "Moderate Democrats" Who Threatened To Block Democrats' Build Back Better Budget Bill.** "But nine moderate Democrats — Reps. Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey, Carolyn Bourdeaux of Georgia, Jared Golden of Maine, Ed Case of Hawaii, Jim Costa of California, Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Texans Filemon Vela, Henry Cuellar and Vicente Gonzalez — have repeatedly warned that if leadership doesn't schedule a vote on the infrastructure bill, they will block the budget." [Roll Call, [08/20/21](#)]

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According To The U.S. Census, Just 11.5% Of Households In Georgia's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year. [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]



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**According To An Analysis Of 2017 Tax Data, The Top 1% Of Tax Filers In Maine Had Income Of At Least \$389,504 In 2017.** [USA Today, [07/01/20](#)]

**According To The United States Census, Just 3.3% Of Households In Maine's Second Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year.** [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

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**Rep. Ed Case (HI-01), With An Estimated Net Worth Of \$2.5 Million, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

**Rep. Ed Case Represents Hawai'i's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

**As Of 2018, Rep. Ed Case Had An Estimated Net Worth Of Approximately \$2,507,516.** [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

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According To The United States Census Bureau, Just 11.8% Of Household's In Hawai'i's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year. [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

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## **Rep. Jim Costa (CA-16), With An Estimated Net Worth Of \$4.9 Million, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

Rep. Jim Costa Represents California's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

As Of 2018, Rep. Jim Costa Had An Estimated Net Worth Of \$4,902,513. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

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## **86% Of Children In California Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit...**

According To The Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, 86% Of California Children Under The Age Of 18 Would Benefit Each Year From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit. [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed [09/14/21](#)]

## **...While Less Than 3.8% Of Households In Rep. Costa's District Would Pay More In Taxes Under The Build Back Better Plan, And Less Than 5% Of Households In His State Would Pay More.**

According To The United States Census Bureau, Just 3.8% Of Households In California's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year. [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

- Rep. Jim Costa Represents California's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

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**Multimillionaire Rep. Kurt Schrader (OR-05) Has Threatened The Build Back Better Agenda Despite It Helping 89% Of Children Oregon While Raising Taxes On Less Than 6.7% Of Households In His District And Less Than 5% In His State.**

## **Rep. Kurt Schrader (OR-05), With An Estimated Net Worth Of \$7.9 Million, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

Rep. Kurt Schrader Represents Oregon's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

As Of 2018, Rep. Kurt Schrader Had An Estimated Net Worth Of \$7,907,573. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

Rep. Kurt Schrader Is Among Nine "Moderate Democrats" Who Threatened To Block Democrats' Build Back Better Budget Bill. "But nine moderate Democrats — Reps. Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey, Carolyn Bourdeaux of Georgia, Jared Golden of Maine, Ed Case of Hawaii, Jim Costa of California, Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Texans Filemon Vela, Henry Cuellar and Vicente Gonzalez — have repeatedly warned that if leadership doesn't schedule a vote on the infrastructure bill, they will block the budget." [Roll Call, [08/20/21](#)]

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## **Approximately 89% Of Children In Oregon Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit...**

**According To The Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, 89% Of Oregon Children Under The Age Of 18 Would Benefit Each Year From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit.** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed [09/14/21](#)]

## **...While Less Than 6.7% Of Households In Rep. Schrader's District Would Pay More In Taxes Under The Build Back Better Plan, And Less Than 5% Of Households In His State Would Pay More.**

**According To The United States Census Bureau, 6.7% Of Households In Oregon's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year.** [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

- **Rep. Kurt Schrader Represents Oregon's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

**Based On Census Data Collected In 2019, The Top 5% Of Households In Oregon Have Annual Incomes Of \$229,747 Or More.** [The Center Square, [12/16/21](#)]

**The Build Back Better Agenda Would Increase Taxes On Income Above \$400,000 For Individuals And \$450,000 For Married Couples.** "Neal's plan would raise the top individual tax rate to 39.6% from 37% on taxable income above \$400,000 for individuals and \$450,000 for married couples. Those thresholds are below Biden's proposed thresholds of \$452,700 for individuals and \$509,300 for married couples." [Reuters, [09/13/21](#)]

**Multimillionaire Rep. Filemon Vela (TX-34) Has Threatened The Build Back Better Agenda Despite It Helping 91% Of Texas Children While Raising Taxes On Less Than 2.6% Of Households In His District.**

## **Rep. Filemon Vela (TX-34), With A Net Worth Of Approximately \$3.7 Million As of 2017, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

**Rep. Filemon Vela Represents Texas' 34<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Congress.gov, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

**As Of 2017, Rep. Filemon Vela Had Estimated Net Worth Of \$3,744,003.** [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

**Rep. Filemon Vela Is Among Nine "Moderate Democrats" Who Threatened To Block Democrats' Build Back Better Budget Bill.** "But nine moderate Democrats — Reps. Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey, Carolyn Bourdeaux of Georgia, Jared Golden of Maine, Ed Case of Hawaii, Jim Costa of California, Kurt Schrader of



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## **91% Of Children In Texas Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit...**

**According To The Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, 91% Of Texas Children Under The Age Of 18 Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit.** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed [09/14/21](#)]

## **...While Less Than 2.6% Of Households In Rep. Vela's District Would Pay More In Taxes Under The Build Back Better Plan, And Less Than 5% Of Households In His State Would Pay More.**

**Just 2.6% Of Households In Texas' 34<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year.** [United States Census, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

- **Rep. Filemon Vela Represents Texas' 34<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Congress.gov, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

**Based On Census Data Collected In 2019, The Top 5% Of Households In Texas Have Annual Incomes Of \$241,212 Or More.** [The Center Square, [12/16/21](#)]

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**Rep. Henry Cuellar (TX-28) Has Threatened The Build Back Better Agenda Despite It Helping Approximately 91% Of Texas Children While Raising Taxes On Less Than 3.8% Of Households In His District.**

## **Rep. Henry Cuellar, Representing Texas' 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

**Rep. Henry Cuellar Represents Texas' 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Congressman Henry Cuellar, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

**Rep. Henry Cuellar Is Among Nine "Moderate Democrats" Who Threatened To Block Democrats' Budget Bill.** "But nine moderate Democrats — Reps. Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey, Carolyn Bourdeaux of Georgia, Jared Golden of Maine, Ed Case of Hawaii, Jim Costa of California, Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Texans Filemon Vela, Henry Cuellar and Vicente Gonzalez — have repeatedly warned that if leadership doesn't schedule a vote on the infrastructure bill, they will block the budget." [Roll Call, [08/20/21](#)]

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## **91% Of Children In Texas Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit...**

**According To The Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, 91% Of Texas Children Under The Age Of 18 Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit.** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed [09/14/21](#)]

## **...While Less Than 3.8% Of Households In Rep. Cuellar's District Would Pay More In Taxes Under The Build Back Better Plan, And Less Than 5% Of Households In His State Would Pay More.**

**Just 3.8% Of Households In Texas' 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year.** [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

- **Rep. Henry Cuellar Represents Texas' 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Congressman Henry Cuellar, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

**Based On Census Data Collected In 2019, The Top 5% Of Households In Texas Have Annual Incomes Of \$241,212 Or More.** [The Center Square, [12/16/21](#)]

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**Millionaire Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (TX-15) Has Threatened The Build Back Better Agenda Despite It Helping 91% Of Texas Children While Raising Taxes On Less Than 4% Of Households In His District.**

**Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (TX-15), With An Estimated Net Worth Of Approximately \$1 Million, Has Threatened To Block The Biden Administration's Build Back Better Agenda.**

**As Of 2018, Rep. Vicente Gonzalez Had An Estimated Net Worth Of \$1,090,921.** [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [09/17/21](#)]

**Rep. Vicente Gonzalez Represents Texas' 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

**Rep. Vicente Gonzalez Is Among Nine "Moderate Democrats" Who Threatened To Block Democrats' Budget Bill.** "But nine moderate Democrats — Reps. Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey, Carolyn Bourdeaux of Georgia, Jared Golden of Maine, Ed Case of Hawaii, Jim Costa of California, Kurt Schrader of Oregon and Texans Filemon Vela, Henry Cuellar and Vicente Gonzalez — have repeatedly warned that if leadership doesn't schedule a vote on the infrastructure bill, they will block the budget." [Roll Call, [08/20/21](#)]

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## **91% Of Children In Texas Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit...**

**According To The Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, 91% Of Texas Children Under The Age Of 18 Would Benefit From Permanent Expansion Of The Child Tax Credit.** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, accessed [09/14/21](#)]

## **...While Less Than 4.0% Of Households In Rep. Gonzalez's District Would Pay More In Taxes Under The Build Back Better Plan, And Less Than 5% Of Households In His State Would Pay More.**

**According To The U.S. Census Bureau, Just 4.0% Of Households In Texas' 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Earn \$200,000 Or More Per Year.** [United States Census Bureau, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

- **Rep. Vicente Gonzalez Represents Texas' 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.** [Ballotpedia, accessed [09/20/21](#)]

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