



Announcing a New Package of Bills to Support Working Families

By Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

Recently, I was proud to introduce four new bills, and co-sponsor a fifth, directly aimed at reducing costs for working families at every step of their children's upbringing. Together with colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I'm working to reduce costs and unleash opportunities for parents and children however I can.

My bills accomplish the following:

Expanding Paid Family and Medical Leave: Permanently doubles the employer family and medical leave tax credit to encourage businesses to offer paid family leave.

According to the US Department of Labor, only 27% of civilian workers have access to paid family leave. This creates enormous challenges for those without access, forcing too many Americans to drain their savings in order to provide for their infant. My bill aims to change this by doubling the tax credit for employer-sponsored paid family leave, ensuring that more Americans than ever have access to this critical benefit.

Doubling Child and Dependent Tax Credits.

More than Doubling the Child Tax Credit: Raises the Child Tax credit to \$5,000 (currently \$2,000) to help alleviate the high costs facing parents.

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Supporting Adoption and IVF: Expands the Adoption Tax Credit to \$25,000 (currently \$16,810) and creates a matching credit for IVF expenses to help families grow.

I also know that the high costs of raising a family don't stop after kindergarten. Families are at the heart of our communities, and they deserve support at every step of a child's development. That's why I've introduced legislation that will more than double the child tax credit, from \$2,000 to \$5,000. By putting more money back into the pockets of working families, we'll strengthen our communities and create new opportunities for children everywhere.

Supporting Adoption and IVF.

We can't forget about those who are just starting their families or looking to add a new member. Unfortunately, the high costs associated with adoption and IVF have put these options out of reach for far too many couples. To address this, I've introduced legislation that will expand the current adoption tax credit by over 50% while creating a matching IVF tax credit. Together, these policies could transform the lives of parents all across the Greater Lehigh Valley and our country who are eager to start or grow their families.

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The Slater Baseball Diamond Club is a parent based organization incorporated to support the middle school, Junior Varsity and Varsity baseball teams at Bangor Area High School. The Bangor Slater Baseball Program has had much success both on and off the baseball diamond in the past few seasons. The program, under the leadership of Head Coach, Anthony Martino, arose to win the 2023 Colonial League Championship. Coach Martino, along with his coaching staff, have built a strong baseball program at Bangor Area High School. A program which teaches all of the athletes the importance of sportsmanship, athleticism, camaraderie, and teamwork. A program which the Slater Baseball Diamond Club is proud to support.

In March, 2025, the Slater Baseball Team will be traveling to Pigeon Forge, TN, to participate in spring training, along with other high schools from across the region at the Ripken Experience. This is an incredible preseason opportunity for these young men to train at the state-of-the-art facility as a team in preparation for the 2025 baseball season.

The Slater Baseball Diamond Club is looking for business or individual sponsors to help fund this experience. If you would like to support these hardworking athletes by making a monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated. **Our tax id EIN# is 88-1956021.** All sponsors will be proudly displayed on a Bangor Slater Baseball Team T-Shirt and promoted on our social media pages.

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ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

More information is available on our website under the Services tab, including program guidelines and applications Visit slatebeltrising.org.

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