



# children's defense fund minnesota

Dear Members of the Senate Taxes Committee:

**With a significant budget surplus, Minnesota has a moral and fiscal imperative to adopt a budget that matches our professed values and ensures every Minnesota child has the opportunity to succeed and contribute their many gifts to our state. We do not believe the Senate Tax Bill SF 3692 meets this moral or fiscal test.**

At CDF-MN our mission is to ensure all children have the best possible start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. As you consider SF 3692 Omnibus Tax bill, we would like to re-iterate something you have been hearing across committees and contexts, the kids are NOT okay. Children and their families are really struggling, particularly those with low and moderate incomes.

Permanent individual income tax cuts that disproportionately benefit those with the most resources will not create the underlying, long-term support system necessary to ensure economic stability of our children and families and head off adverse childhood experiences like hunger, homelessness and family stress. Emergency federal resources helped children and families that needed our support before the pandemic and showed us what is possible. As these supports disappear the needs have not.

Under SF 3692 the majority of the budget surplus is dedicated to unsustainable tax cuts disproportionately benefitting the wealthiest Minnesotans. **We hope you will reconsider and move forward with a more balanced budget approach that helps every child succeed**, not just those that are already blessed with abundance and opportunity. Our state's future depends on it.

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