

# The federal Earned Income Tax Credit has bi-partisan support

**Former Governor Jeb Bush** (R-FL) proposed doubling the federal EITC for single filers and lowering the age of eligibility from 25 to 21.

**Governor Chris Christie** (R-NJ) supports expanding the federal credit. At the Kemp Forum on Expanding Opportunity he said, "We doubled the Earned Income Tax Credit in New Jersey because we have to do more than just talk about work. We have to really reward the people who are out there doing it."

**Former Secretary of State and Senator Hillary Clinton** (D-NY) has said she would favor of an expansion of the EITC among other tax credits.

**Senator Ted Cruz** (R-TX) introduced a tax plan to reduce income and business taxes and expand the EITC.

**Governor John Kasich** (R-OH) supports increasing the EITC to 10 percent. At the Kemp Forum on Expanding Opportunity he noted that Ohio's state-level EITC incentivizes "people to rise and not put them in a position of where they go to work, and they lose more than what they gain."

**Former Governor Martin O'Malley** (D-MD) signed into law an expansion of Maryland's EITC, along with an increase in the minimum wage.

**Senator Marco Rubio** (R-FL) has favored expanding the EITC to childless workers.

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**Speaker of the House Paul Ryan** (R-WI) has proposed a federal EITC expansion nearly identical to President Obama's. At the Kemp Forum on Expanding Opportunity he noted that the credit's connection to work distinguishes it from welfare programs, saying "That's the key of the EITC, right? It actually makes work pay."

**Senator Bernie Sanders** (D-VT) has backed bills to expand the federal EITC and has voiced support for tax credits.

## It's time to expand New Mexico's Working Families Tax Credit

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