OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

• Increase and expand the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC)
• Update the Low-Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate ( LICTR)
• Get assistance to families left out of federal pandemic relief
• Increase income eligibility for child care assistance; eliminate or reduce copays; and increase wages for child care workers
• Eliminate a number of fines and fees from the Children’s Code
• Repeal past tax breaks that failed to create jobs
• Increase tax on cigarettes and e-cigarettes

COALITION POLICY PRIORITIES

• Send the Land Grant Permanent Fund for ECE constitutional amendment to the voters
• Fully fund a culturally and linguistically responsive K-12 education
• Ensure all workers have access to paid sick leave
• Enact a cap of 36% APR on all lending products
• Fully fund Medicaid
• Create a basic health plan or Medicaid buy-in plan
• Expand professional licensure for immigrants to more professions
• Protect our communities from climate change and ensure a just transition to renewables

WHAT PASSED

✓ IMPROVEMENTS FOR FAMILIES

• Changes in tax credit/rebate for low-income New Mexicans (HB 291)
  o WFTC increased from 17% of the federal credit to 25%, returning an additional $49 million to working families earning low incomes
  o WFTC expanded to include those who file their income taxes with an ITIN and childless adults ages 18 to 24, returning $2.9 million to these workers
  o LICTR eligibility increased from those earning $22,000 to those earning $36,000
  o Average LICTR rebate increased from $78 to $195, returning up to $48.8 million to New Mexicans with the lowest incomes
  o LICTR now indexed to rise with inflation
• $5 million appropriated for families left out of federal pandemic relief (HB 2)
• New Health Care Affordability Fund created and funded (HB 122, SB 317)
• Patient debt collection protection enacted (SB 71)
• Medicaid funding increased by $64 million (HB 2)

✓ IMPROVEMENTS FOR KIDS

• Funding for early childhood care and education
  o Constitutional amendment to invest 1.25% of the state’s $22 billion Permanent Fund in ECE and K-12 to be sent to voters (HJR 1)
  o $7.7 million appropriated for early pre-K
  o $7 million appropriated for BIPOC teacher recruitment and training
  o $3 million appropriated for home visiting
  o $3 million appropriated for pay equity
  o $2.8 million appropriated to turn half-day pre-K to full day
  o $1.4 million appropriated for FIT (Family Infant Toddler Program)
  o $1 million appropriated for Families First
• Providing a multicultural and linguistically responsive K-12 education
  o Hair styles and cultural headdresses protected from discrimination (HB 29, SB 80)
  o Bilingual Multicultural Education Advisory Council established (HB 52)
  o Black Education Act enacted (HB 43)
  o Task force created to map access to and gaps in culturally appropriate services (HB 287)
IMPROVEMENTS FOR WORKERS

- All private-sector employers must allow workers to accrue paid sick leave (HB 20)
- Professional licensure for immigrants expanded to more professions (SB 219)
- Frontline workers impacted most by oil & gas development will be at the forefront in diversification and a clean-energy economy (SB 112)
- Low-income essential workers who are eligible for the WFTC to receive a one-time $600 rebate, returning $109 million to workers. (SB 1)

WHAT DID NOT PASS

- A cap of 36% APR on all lending products (SB 66)
- Easy enrollment in Medicaid (HB 272)
- Repeal of past tax breaks that failed to create jobs (HB 291)
- Tax increase on cigarettes and e-cigarettes (HB 167, SB 197)
- Climate Solutions Act to protect our communities and environment (HB 9)