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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to request your assistance in sharing information about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax preparation services for your community.

One in five eligible workers does not claim the EITC, probably because they are unaware of it. This is unfortunate, because the EITC is an important tax benefit for working people who earn lower or moderate incomes.

The EITC offsets taxes, supplements very low wages, encourages work, and can help cover any federal income tax workers may owe at tax time. Besides offsetting taxes, workers earning lower wages may also get cash back through the EITC refund. Eligible workers who claim the EITC on their tax return can receive a refund even if they do not owe income tax.

Single and married people who worked full- or part-time at some point during 2017 can qualify for the EITC, if their income is below the following limits:

<u>Number of Qualifying Children</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>EITC Up to:</u>
None	\$15,010	\$20,600	\$510
1	\$39,617	\$45,207	\$3,400
2	\$45,007	\$50,597	\$5,616
3 or more	\$48,340	\$53,930	\$6,318

You can help get the word out by offering fliers in your offices, and including information in your newsletters, food bank bags, and community events.

- [11 ways housing groups can promote the EITC and Child Credit](#)
- [EITC Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [List of Tribes offering free income tax preparation services](#)
- [Free tax preparation services available nationwide](#)
- [Impact of EITC refunds on state economies](#)
- [IRS EITC Central](#)

Thank you for your assistance in sharing this valuable information about the EITC and free tax preparation services with your community.

Sincerely,

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for Native American Programs