

## Congress: Freeze Moms Benefits!

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### 1. Freeze Moms Benefits For 3 Years While She Works and Maintains Employment!

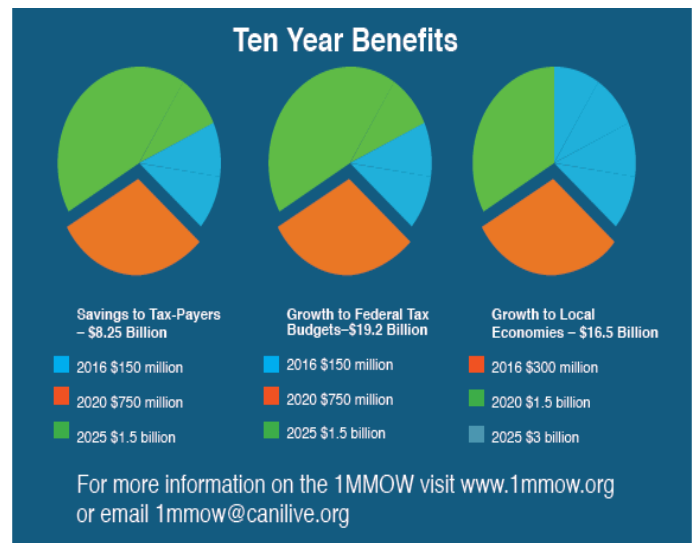
The 1MMOW takes the position that all Americans are created equal and possessed of inalienable rights to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness—and to justice under the law.

Yet the entitlements provided to millions of moms living at or below poverty are structured to keep them poor while entitlements offered to wealthier Americans and corporations assist in wealth creation and enhanced prosperity.

- According to the CATO Institute we spend over \$1 trillion dollars a year fighting poverty and fail: [http://www.cato.org/publications/policy-analysis/american-welfare-state-how-we-spend-nearly-\\$1-trillion-year-fighting-poverty-fail](http://www.cato.org/publications/policy-analysis/american-welfare-state-how-we-spend-nearly-$1-trillion-year-fighting-poverty-fail)
- Between 1964 and 2012 the federal government spent roughly \$12 trillion fighting poverty, and state and local governments added another \$3 trillion. Yet the poverty rate never fell below 10.5 percent and is now at the highest level in nearly a decade. Clearly, we have been doing something wrong.
- If nothing is done, our poverty rate will continue to climb and tax payer's dollars will continue to be wasted.
- Welfare benefits (TANF, SNAP, MEDICARE, HOUSING SUBSIDIES, CHILD CARE) are lifelines for millions of mothers and children living in poverty. However, penalizing a mother making minimum wage with a significant reduction in those benefits is devastating.
- Millions of mothers and their children are entitled to assistance because they meet income eligibility guidelines. If an assisted family is eligible they will continue to receive benefits.
- The idea that a mother can make more money sitting home doing nothing, then she would if she worked, is an insult.
- The idea that mothers who receive welfare benefits are lazy is a joke.
- Residents enrolled in HUD funded Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) programs graduate with savings of over \$6,500, yet this is not enough to reduce their dependency on housing subsidies.
- In 2015 the FSS program generated approximately \$50 million dollars in local economies with evidence of 499 homes being purchased.

### 2. Increase Local economies through support of the 1MMOW

- Freeze benefits for mothers (residents) who are actively engaged with a self-sufficiency action plan as evidence of those actively enrolled in the HUD grant funded Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program.
- Promote the 1MMOW solution as a viable solution to public housing authorities who administer FSS programs.
- Rather than cut the benefits of those who are working hard to move forward. Freeze their benefits for 3 years in so that she can save, invest and grow the wealth she has accumulated.
- Introduce a bill this year that will help end the cycle of generational poverty for poor mothers and their children.
- **Now is the time to take this long-standing issue in America to the next level. We urge all members in congress to support THE WEALTHFAIR EQUALITY ACT and Freeze mom's benefits for the first 3 years of employment!**



Support the **1MMOW** and move our nation from **WELFARE TO WEALTHFAIR™!**

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