



Summary of H.R. 4722

Prevent Abuse in the Refundable Child Tax Credit by Requiring a Social Security Number

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H.R. 4722, introduced by Congressman Sam Johnson (R-TX), is a bill that requires taxpayers to submit Social Security numbers, not just individual taxpayer identification numbers, or ITINs, in order to be eligible to receive the refundable child tax credit.

Social Security Number Needed for Child Tax Credit

The bill amends Section 24(d) of the Internal Revenue Code to require a taxpayer to provide his/her Social Security number to be eligible to claim the Child Tax Credit.

Why this Legislation is Necessary

The Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) is a refundable credit that allows individuals to reduce their federal income tax by up to \$1,000 for each child under the age of 17. Because the ACTC is a refundable credit, taxpayers receive this money directly if the value of the credit exceeds the tax liability. Currently, federal tax law allows a filer to claim the credit using an ITIN which the IRS freely issues to illegal aliens so they can comply with federal tax law (even though they are violating immigration laws). The Treasury Department Inspector General calculates that the IRS pays out \$5.9 billion a year in fraudulent ACTC claims.