



November 30, 2021

Dear members of the Arkansas 93rd General Assembly,

We want our state to grow and Arkansans to thrive. To do that, we should make investments in things that have big payoffs for our communities and draw people to our state, like great schools, strong infrastructure, a high-quality health care system, and targeted investments in our struggling rural communities. The budget surplus has been built up because, for too many years, the state government has chosen to underfund or not to fund critical investments that would benefit all Arkansans, from toddlers in preschool to the elderly in our nursing homes.

We urge the General Assembly not to spend money on a cut to the top tax rate that will largely benefit a small number of wealthy Arkansans while more than 1 in 5 children in Arkansas grow up in poverty. Instead invest those funds in programs that will take us up from near the bottom of states in our educational and health outcomes and make Arkansas a great place to live.

Sincerely,

AAUW Arkansas

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families

Arkansas Association for Infant Mental Health

Arkansas Citizens First Congress

Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese

Arkansas Community Institute

Arkansas Community Organizations

Arkansas Medical, Dental & Pharmaceutical Association

Arkansas Public Policy Panel

Arkansas Support Network

Arkansas Waiver Association

Disability Rights Arkansas

Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas

Marshallese Educational Initiative

Rural Community Alliance

The Urban League of the State of Arkansas