

New York Times
Restricting Tax Credits
Letter
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To the Editor:

Re "[A Harder Squeeze on the Poor](#)" (editorial, Jan. 31):

A recent government report reveals that in 2010, the Internal Revenue Service awarded \$4.2 billion in taxpayer dollars to illegal immigrants through the refundable additional child tax credit. That's just wrong. American taxpayers should not have to pay for benefits for illegal immigrants.

The earned income tax credit, a refundable tax credit for low-income workers, requires a Social Security number for eligibility. Defying logic, the child tax credit does not.

This is a bipartisan issue, as evidenced by Senator Claire McCaskill's call to the Internal Revenue Service last fall to immediately end the fraudulent child tax credit payments.

We need to stop illegal immigrants from taking money out of hard-working American taxpayers' pockets every year by claiming this credit. My [bill](#) requiring a Social Security number does that.

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