



United States House Committee on **Ways & Means** CHAIRMAN JASON SMITH

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Reforms **Reclaiming TANF Non-Assistance Dollars to Lift Americans out of Poverty**

Members of the Ways and Means Committee are working to ensure TANF non-assistance funding is intentionally focused on helping low-income families move from government dependence to economic independence through work. **Subcommittee on Work and Welfare Chairman, Rep. Darin LaHood (IL-16), introduced the *Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services (JOBS) for Success Act of 2025 (H.R. 3156)*, a comprehensive reauthorization that modernizes TANF and includes the Member bills below.**

Target TANF to Families in Need

- ***Target TANF to Families in Need Act (H.R. 2397)* – Rep. Adrian Smith (NE-03) and Rep. Nathaniel Moran (TX-01).** Restricts TANF eligibility to those at or below 200% of the federal poverty line to ensure funds are used to help Americans most in need.

Help Low-Income Americans Find and Keep a Job

- ***Reduce Duplication and Improve Access to Work Act (H.R. 2579)* – Rep. Lloyd Smucker (PA-11) and Rep. Beth Van Duyne (TX-24).** Allows states additional flexibility to transfer TANF to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to support workforce activities that get more workers off the sidelines.
- ***Restoring Temporary to TANF Act (H.R. 2354)* – Rep. Blake Moore (UT-01).** Directs more TANF dollars to support work and work preparation by establishing a 25% set-aside for core work activities to more quickly connect low-income individuals to meaningful employment.
- ***Reduce Bureaucracy to Uplift Families Act (H.R. 2284)* – Rep. Rudy Yakym (IN-02).** Reduces the administrative spending cap from 15% to 10% to free up more TANF dollars to help families find pathways into the workforce, rather than funding bureaucracy and program management.

Protect Taxpayer Dollars from Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

- ***Protect TANF Resources for Families Act (H.R. 2584)* – Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-24) and Rep. Aaron Bean (FL-04).** Prevents states from using TANF to fill state budget gaps, ensuring state and federal dollars can help more families in poverty find employment.
- ***Improve Transparency and Stability for Families and Children Act (H.R. 2359)* – Rep. Mike Carey (OH-15) and Rep. Max Miller (OH-07).** Ensures states are not sitting on unused TANF funds year-to-year by establishing spending deadlines to ensure funds get to struggling families in a timely manner.
- ***Eliminate Fraud and Improper Payments in TANF Act (H.R. 2242)* – Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19).** Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to measure and course correct improper payments in TANF, as recommended by the Government Accountability Office.