

Our statement on Holyrood's debate on Child Tax Credits

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“This issue always been about more than the rape clause – as horrific as that is – and we are glad today’s debate in the Scottish Parliament demonstrated the broad range of harm the two child policy inflicts.

Any policy that actively and knowingly pushes women and children into poverty has no place in our society, and it is not something that we can support. Today’s debate in Holyrood confirmed that the vast majority of MSPs agree, and we hope that this cross-party support sends a strong message to those with the power and means to repeal this policy.

We are encouraged by the overwhelming support we’ve received in standing against and refusing to collude with the rape clause. Our opposition and resistance to this policy is not going anywhere, nor – we suspect – is that of the Scottish public, poverty organisations, children’s organisations and our sister organisations working to end violence against women and children.”