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Children's future in Dunne's hands

If family values are at the heart of United Future's policies, Child Poverty Action Group calls on MP Peter Dunne to support the Greens' Private Member's Income Tax (Universalisation of In-work Tax Credit) Amendment Bill when it is further debated in the house next week.

So far the Greens, Mana, Labour, NZ First and the Maori Party have pledged support. Hon Peter Dunne's vote in the house in a week's time will determine whether the Bill goes to select committee stage.

"He could make an enormous difference in the lives of New Zealand's poorest children by supporting this bill. To send it to select committee stage would open it to wide scrutiny and help the public see that in part child poverty has been caused by our very badly designed policies and this is a chance to begin to remedy that.

Paid Parental leave was supported by United Future to select committee stage. We urge him to do the right thing for this bill that really would begin to address the disgraceful level of family poverty in New Zealand," says CPAG Spokesperson, Assoc Prof Susan St John.

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