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## **‘CHECK TO PROTECT’ THIS TAX SEASON** *Income tax check-off helps fight child abuse and neglect*

LANSING, Michigan - As you prepare your 2008 taxes, State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) reminds citizens to “check to protect.”

“You have the opportunity to help fight child abuse when filing your Michigan taxes by using the Children’s Trust Fund Michigan income tax check-off,” Senator Scott said. “I encourage everyone to put their money where their heart is - check to protect to keep kids safe. By donating to the Children’s Trust Fund on your state income tax form, you help protect Michigan’s children.”

An individual can designate on his or her annual return that a contribution of \$5 or more be credited to the Children’s Trust Fund (CTF). These contributions allow the CTF to continue to provide much-needed financial support for a variety of important child abuse and neglect prevention programs throughout the state.

CTF provides funding to 72 local child abuse and neglect councils representing 82 of Michigan’s 83 counties. Dollars donated to CTF are also used to provide funding for prevention programs in the donor’s own community.

The check-off is located on Line 30 of the Michigan tax form. Taxpayers will need to fill in the amount they wish to donate, with the minimum being \$5. The donation can be deducted on the next year’s tax form.

The Michigan Children’s Trust Fund is an independent, non-profit agency that promotes the health, safety and welfare of children by supporting and funding effective, collaborative programs that prevent child abuse and neglect. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/ctf](http://www.michigan.gov/ctf).

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*Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.*