

Good afternoon and thank you on behalf of all childcare providers in the State of North Dakota for your work on SB 2301.

Over the course of covid, our in home daycare was fortunate to remain open for business without much loss of income. The stabilization grants not only gave us peace of mind if we needed to close, but also we were able to make purchases for the business that we would not have otherwise done. Health and safety being at the front of those purchases as cleaning supplies and paper products are used heavily in this setting. I was also able to make purchases of toys and furniture that were able to be easily cleaned.

I am in favor of continuing the stabilization grants so we can provide the best care in the safest and cleanest environments for the children of our state. These funds will help alleviate some of those day to day expenses that keep our business running smoothly. We cannot afford to lose providers as so many were already lost in the past few years. I appreciate your time and I'm so thankful for what has been granted to us already.

Sincerely,
Stacy Birch