

To whom it may concern,

After reviewing the proposed childcare stabilization grant bill, I feel I must admit that these amounts are not going to make much of a financial difference for providers, especially those with small in-home daycares and only 4 or 5 enrolled kids. While I appreciate the state of ND wanting to assist and aid daycares in remaining open, \$35 per toddler, per month, will assist me in buying printer ink and that is about it, especially considering these grants will likely be taxed on top of that. With inflation rising and the cost of goods continuing to escalate (eggs went up \$2 in the last week alone), this will not be enough to stabilize childcare in ND. Either childcare tuition will soar past affordable for the families of ND (we are already on the edge of that), or childcares will continue closing. I also wanted to let you know that I applied for the quality assistance program a year ago, and not once have I heard from them. So it is a bit discouraging to see providers be awarded for being rated high quality when the program isn't communicating.

Thank you,

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