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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kari Kapp, and I live in Jamestown ND and I am asking to continue to fully fund the bill with the original proposed amount of \$7 million dollars.

I have been in the Early childhood profession for over 30 years, and I run an in-home childcare that is going on 25 years this June. I do not have any staff and wear many hats in my quality rated program. I am currently licensed for 16, and on a typical day average 10 children.

I have participated in Bright & Early since it started, for I was one of the first in-home childcare to participate in the QRIS. My Program is one of 2 Nationally Accredited in the state, and I have my Associates Degree in Early Childhood. I did receive money in the past for renewing my step 4 and staying Quality Rated with an estimated amount of \$10,000 and it was very nice to receive the \$3000 in 2024. Being a step 4 Provider and having a family on assistance has been a nice little incentive bonus too.

Receiving these funds from state programs and the QRIS has helped me in many ways! Being Nationally Accredited, it helps me afford to stay accredited, and purchase items for my program to make sure that the children are in a safe, healthy, and social environment. This is very important for the social emotional area in a child's mental development. These funds also allow me to charge less than the going (market) rate in the area to make childcare affordable to parents.

Respectfully,

Kari Kapp