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To whom it may concern,

My name is Krystal (Niki) Hayes, and I live in Dickinson, 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 15 years. I have worked at home care, group care and preschool. During that time our programs severely depended on the funding we received through many programs offered by the state. We stayed open during Covid because of funding and that allowed others in ND to continue working while we cared for their children. Not only do I believe that Early Childcare is the one of the major backbones of our society, our country literally couldn't function without childcare.

All children deserve quality care, this isn't an area that cutting funding should even be an option. This truly is a thankless industry filled with loving and caring providers that deserve resources and more importantly all the support that can be offered. I will always be in favor of supporting our children's caregivers and educators.

Thank you,

Krystal Hayes