

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ali Lenertz, I have worked in childcare for 4 years. I am asking to continue to fully fund the bill HB1012 with the original proposed amount of \$7 million dollars.

Kiddie Korral 2.0 in Minot ND thrives off of this income and we would be nowhere near the center we are today without these funds, such as the QRIS bonus. This bonus has allowed our facility to purchase high quality, interactive toys, learning resources and materials to nearly 120 children in my hometown.

This funding allows us to hire more qualified staff, improve our facilities, and offer additional resources to children in need of early education. This extension of funding not only helps us meet the growing demand for childcare services but also ensures that we can maintain high standards of care for years to come. It's a vital investment in the future of our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Ali Lenertz