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To Whom It May Concern,

I am asking for the continuation of full funding of the bill with the original proposed amount of 7 million dollars.

I am the founder and Executive Director of Kiddie Korral 2.0. I have been in the childcare industry since 2009 and turned my childcare into a non-profit in January 2019. I employ 32 young women, and my husband works as our cook and "fixer of all the things we break".

My center is licensed for 120 children, currently, we have 109 enrolled.

I have participated in Bright and Early since 2015, currently rated Step 3. I want to get to Step 4, however, I don't think it is feasible to have all teachers have their CDA, with the unfortunate rate of turnover in this industry.

The QRIS bonus is a great benefit as we have 52 children on Child Care Assistance. In March 2022, we received \$4,500 at Step 2, in April 2023 we received \$6,750 at Step 3, and in April 2024 we received \$8,000 at Step 3. Every year I divide the money up evenly throughout the center and purchase much-needed items. We would not be able to have the high-quality equipment, toys, and learning resources with out this funding.

In order for us to continue to offer high quality care it is imperative that the funding for these programs stays.

Thank you,

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