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Governor Brown:

As child care providers, we are writing to implore you to prioritize robust and immediate investment in our industry. Child care is essential to Oregon's economy; we are doing the work that makes it possible for parents to work and for Oregon's children to thrive. Our work is essential to this crisis and to Oregon's recovery.

Even before COVID-19, the child care sector has been a very low-margin industry. We experience high costs, due to essential health and safety requirements, and cannot truly charge parents what it costs for us to operate. Unlike our public education system, child care is largely a private-tuition system, meaning parents pay the vast majority of the cost for the care and education their children receive. Unfortunately, as providers we are also subsidizing the lack of robust public investment in child care with our low wages. This has to change. We need Oregon to invest in our industry in a way that acknowledges that it is essential to our economy, to our education system, to our health care system, and to Oregon's families.

Our industry has been hit hard during the COVID-19 crisis and we have not been provided with adequate support. Most child care facilities have closed, and we do not have sufficient resources to cover our costs during these closures. Other providers have remained open to serve Oregon's essential employees, though our costs for virus safety precautions have increased and we are serving fewer children than we would normally serve to comply with social distancing.

Providers who remain open need to be compensated for increased operating costs and every staff person needs to be compensated with Hazard Pay. We are serving fewer children now; and due to tight margins in child care we are losing money every day. We need to be compensated for the lost tuition for children no longer attending child care by continuing ERDC tuition payments and by creating a Program Sustainability Fund for non-subsidy tuition.

Providers who closed need help covering costs throughout this closure, including payroll, rent, utilities and other operating expenses, so we are ready to re-open when it is time to do so. This could be provided through continued ERDC tuition payments and by creating a Program Sustainability Fund for non-subsidy tuition. It can take years to site new facilities, and every county in Oregon was already deemed a child care desert before this crisis. If Oregon does not invest in us now, many of us will be unable to re-open after this crisis, putting our broader economic recovery in jeopardy.

The \$38 million allocated to Oregon through the CARES Act is meant to support the child care industry now, so those resources need to be spent in the field immediately. This is not the time to budget ahead for months. These resources should be spent by May 30th to support our current child care providers and protect Oregon's already scarce child care supply. All spending in existing and new programs should attempt to reverse traditional inequities that exist in this industry that is 95% women and disproportionately women of color and immigrants.

This is the first federal investment. More federal money will be allocated for child care. The speed in which Oregon spends this first wave of federal funds will determine how many child care providers survive this economic challenge. Waiting to spend all \$38 million or withholding ERDC payments will ensure massive closures in this industry and make child care unavailable for too many Oregon workers.

Please stand with Oregon child care providers and invest in sustaining child care supply today.

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Signed,

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A Bee C Family Child Care
Lebanon, OR
14 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Dustin
A Little Dreamer's Childcare
Mount Angel, OR
99 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kathryn Summers
A Summers' Day Preschool & Childcare
Gresham, OR
9 Children Served Pre-COVID

Penny Haakinson
Airport Learning Tree
Portland, OR
97 Children Served Pre-COVID

Julie Horner
Alameda Beaumont Childcare
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Allison Hesselman
Alli-Gators Childcare
Beaverton, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sabi Velasco
Amazing Minds Child Development Center & Preschool
Beaverton, OR
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Ana Estrada
Anaís Daycare
Independence, OR
11 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angel Green
Angels Daycare Corp
Eugene, OR
6 Children Served Pre-COVID

Anneliese Sheahan
Anneliese C Sheahan dba A to Zen
Gladstone, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Stacey Dunbar
Aprende con Amigos
Portland, OR
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Steven Wolbaum
Back 2 Nature Daycare
Gresham, OR
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lisa Wardle
Beaumont Children's Center, Inc.
Portland, OR
22 Children Served Pre-COVID
Hollie Kissler
Belmont Academy
Portland, OR
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Remy Murfitt
Blooming Rose Preschool, LLC
Portland, OR
34 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brandy Parkison
Brandy's Buddies
Salem, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Janice Mayer
Business Services Optimized Oregon
Montessori Association Board Member
Tigard, OR

Samantha Morelli
Jonathan Myers
Joshua Todd
Camp Fire Columbia
Portland, OR
900 Children Served Pre-COVID

Holly Wilder
Caterpillar Clubhouse
Woodburn, OR
58 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amber Gobet
Caterpillar Clubhouse on Abiqua
Molalla, OR
60 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kara Geraty
Children's Song Brooklyn
Portland, OR
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jodie Throckmorton
Children's Song Childcare
Portland, OR
50 Children Served Pre-COVID

Christina Hurtado
Christina's ChildCare
Portland, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cindy Brown
Cindy's Day Care
Troutdale, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cara Farr
Concordia Montessori
Portland, OR
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Tamara Basham
Corvallis Montessori School
Corvallis, OR
90 Children Served Pre-COVID

Valerie Seago
Creative Kids Preschool and Childcare
Beaverton, OR
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Scott Birkhofer
David Douglas Daycare
Portland, OR
70 Children Served Pre-COVID

Deanna Pulford
Deanna's Daycare
Oregon City, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Dina Lopez Bautista
Dina's Child Care
Woodburn, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Zakkiyya Ibrahim
Education Explorers
Beaverton, OR
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Tessa Stephenson
Endeavor Schools
Portland, OR
450 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angie Garcia
Escuela Viva
Portland, OR
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jacqueline Bracho
Escuelita Armonía!
Beaverton, OR
7 Children Served Pre-COVID

Elaine Warkel
Eugene Child Development Center
Eugene, OR
82 Children Served Pre-COVID

Anita Bates
Family Cares Daycare
Gresham, OR
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cory Willson
Foundation School
Wilsonville, OR
90 Children Served Pre-COVID

John Nettleton
Friendly House Inc. Preschool
Portland, OR
35 Children Served Pre-COVID

Gaea Campe
Giving Tree Preschool
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lynn Gutierrez
Good Shepherd Child Care
Hermiston, OR
66 Children Served Pre-COVID

Becky Goodman
Amazing Minds
Gresham, OR
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Katheryne Immediato
Growing Seeds Irvington
Portland, OR
89 Children Served Pre-COVID

Allison Delorey
Growing Seeds Learning Community North
Portland, OR
165 Children Served Pre-COVID

Tammy Rundle
Growing Tree Children's Center
Bend, OR
92 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nicole Handel
Handel with Care Family Childcare
Roseburg, OR
11 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Hanna
Hanna's Helping Hands Daycare
Eugene, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jamie Edwards
Happy Valley Montessori School
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sarah Curtis
Happy Valley Preschool
Oregon City, OR
104 Children Served Pre-COVID

Renee Moore Moore
Happy:) Faces Day Care
Portland, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachel Turner
Hazelwood Kindergarten
Eugene, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Dennis Sabilia-Young
Heart's Content Child Care
Eugene, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Sullivan
Heartwood Preschool
Portland, OR
19 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heather Younk
Heather's Child Care
Aumsville, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Anne Geck Bryson
Heather's Childcare
Aumsville, OR
5 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jennifer Artman
Erin Burns
Angela Lyle
Mary Schumacher-Hoerner
Mariola Staines
Christine Bizzell
Laure Patrick
Sean Quiqley
Alissa Stull
Laura Vanderpool
Alica Villa
Brooke Welch
Helen Gordon CDC
Portland, OR
500 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nick Apa
In a Child's Path, Inc.
Portland, OR
75 Children Served Pre-COVID

Autumn David
Island Adventures Preschool & Child Care
Salem, OR
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Shelley Hartling
Caitlin Curtis
Ashley Lawrence
Joyful Noise
Portland, OR
320 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kelly Heichel
Kelly's Kid Care LLC
Roseburg, OR
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Erin Banuelos
Nona Gray
Kid Central
Independence, OR
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jennifer Borges
Kids Zone Country Club
Gresham, OR
3 Children Served Pre-COVID

Alisha Advani
Kidz Academy
Portland, OR
64 Children Served Pre-COVID

Virginia Hoskins
KinderPrep Private Preschool
Newberg, OR
25 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kristi Morris
Kristi Morris
Klamath Falls, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cynthia Grimm
La Petite Academy
Boring, OR
160 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachael Lamet
Lamet's Treasures
Salem, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Laurie Todd
Laurie's House
Portland, OR
5 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jennifer McIlhenny
Lavender Farm Preschool, LLC
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Elena Leyva
Lichen & Moss House
Portland, OR
12 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kim Hess
Lil Hands Daycare
Klamath Falls, OR
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kristen Gray
Lil Roos Playhouse
Portland, OR
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Korrall Slater
Michele Stroh
Lil Sprouts Certified Childcare
Salem, OR
9 Children Served Pre-COVID

Manda Fenley
Little Billies
Dexter, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nilmini Hoyt
Little Explorer Preschool & Daycare
Beaverton, OR
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michelle Naglis
Little Hands Garden School
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachael Lamet
Lamet's Treasures
Salem, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Laurie Todd
Laurie's House
Portland, OR
5 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jennifer McIlhenny
Lavender Farm Preschool, LLC
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sandra Belinn
Littlefollowers
Tigard, OR
4 Children Served Pre-COVID

Josie Emmrich
Loving Beginnings
Salem, OR
12 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brooke LeClair
Maimonides Jewish Day School
Portland, OR
63 Children Served Pre-COVID

Maryam Darabi
Maryam's Preschool
Lake Oswego, OR
7 Children Served Pre-COVID

Flor Silva
Matatena Montessori
Hillsboro, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michele White
Michele's Daycare
Baker City, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brittany Smith
Mighty Oaks
Portland, OR
8 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kathryn Ash
Mom and More
Portland, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nick Stocco
Montessori for Public Service
Portland, OR
69 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lori Bond
Moss Street Children's Center
Eugene, OR
115 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amy Shaw
Mrs Amy's Rugrats
Roseburg, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Juliane Pfeifer
Sharon Hincks
Mt Carmel Preschool and Daycare
Portland, OR
83 Children Served Pre-COVID

Glenda Suchi
Maria Sanchez
Sandra Bonnie
Corinna Delashmit
Mt Hood Community College/ Head Start
Portland, OR
5000 Children Served Pre-COVID

Emily Wells
Nature's Way Playschool
Corvallis, OR
3 Children Served Pre-COVID

Leah Conley
Neveh Shalom Foundation School
Portland, OR
110 Children Served Pre-COVID

Archana Pugaonkar
New Day School
Portland, OR
64 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jessica Boyd
New Dream
Eugene, OR
120 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nichole Gruszie
Nic Nacs Quality Childcare
Klamath Falls, OR
15 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kelley Lawson
Portland, OR
1900 Children Served Pre-COVID

Norma Cardenas
Norma's child care
Redmond, OR
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Susan Acosta
Portland, OR

Katherine Price
Oak & Rose School LLC
Portland, OR
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Caroline Wolfe
Tara Papandrew
Opal Beginning School
Portland, OR
37 Children Served Pre-COVID

Laura Poore
**Oregon City Community Ed Early
Childhood Program**
Portland, OR
85 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rian Hood
Oregon City School District
Oregon City, OR
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Lizbeth Trujillo
Owl's Nest Academy
Beaverton, OR
900 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michelle Newman
P.L.A.Y. Daycare LLC
Eugene, OR
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Miranda Lloyd
Paper Moon Playschool LLC.
Portland, OR
8 Children Served Pre-COVID

Christine Mitchell
Peace 'n Play childcare
Portland, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Karen Messner
Pequenitos Day Care LLC
Portland, OR
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Julie Beardall
Portland Community college
Beaverton, OR
45 Children Served Pre-COVID

Erika Saiers
Portland Jewish Academy
Portland, OR
278 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heather Kalowsky
Portland Kinderschule
Portland, OR
25 Children Served Pre-COVID

Meg Neal
Portland Play Project
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Kassandra Krauciunas
Portland Preschool
Portland, OR
18 Children Served Pre-COVID

Michelle Domingues
Portland state university
Portland, OR
150 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heather Schones
Precious Cargo Preschool and Childcare
Salem, OR
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Shanna Aldis
**Precious Little Lambs Preschool & Child
Care**
Salem, OR
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angela Sperry
Roots School & Makery
Hood River, OR
65 Children Served Pre-COVID

Angela Molloy Murphy
Rowanberrry School
Portland, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Martha Ahl
Beaverton, OR
4 Children Served Pre-COVID

Leslee Barnes
Portland, OR
49 Children Served Pre-COVID

Dawn Mitchell
Medford, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brianna Peaslee
Portland, OR
130 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rachel Miller
Serenity Valley Daycare
Tillamook, OR
9 Children Served Pre-COVID

Mandy Johnson
Silly Billies Child Care
Pleasant Hill, OR
68 Children Served Pre-COVID

Adrienne Hunter
Simply Kids Preschool
Astoria, OR
8 Children Served Pre-COVID

Teresa Fiuren
Small Steps Child Care Center and Preschool
Ashland, OR
49 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cherish Oliver
Small Wonders Preschool
Corvallis, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Ian Little
Soccer shots
Portland, OR
5000 Children Served Pre-COVID

Donna Copeland
Samantha Manfrass
Laura Powell
Springfield Learning Tree
Springfield, OR
116 Children Served Pre-COVID

Patrick Earnest
St James Child Development Center
Portland, OR
140 Children Served Pre-COVID

Stephanie Rinehart
Stephanie's Fun Care
Albany, OR
12 Children Served Pre-COVID

Amanda Crowell
Stepping Stones Childcare
Coos Bay, OR
27 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sahra Alizadeh
Sweet River Bamboo Preschool & Nursery
Portland, OR
30 Children Served Pre-COVID

Gina Spanu
The Children's Hour Academy
Beaverton, OR
200 Children Served Pre-COVID

Breanne Wilson
The Crib
Canby, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jesi Payne
The Good Life Preschool
Newberg, OR
63 Children Served Pre-COVID

Cami Knudsen
The Playschool
Wilsonville, OR
73 Children Served Pre-COVID

Andrew Letourneau
Braden Pemberton
Jessica Thompson
Curt Gottfried
Maria Caballero
The Portland Montessori School
Portland, OR
151 Children Served Pre-COVID

Jeanine Vansise
The Strawberry Patch Preschool
Portland, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Desirae Ritz
The Treehouse Nursery and Preschool
Gladstone, OR
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Megan Patterson
TIC Child Development Center
Aurora, OR
32 Children Served Pre-COVID

Danielle Cunningham
Tiny Peeps Child Care LLC
Eugene, OR
15 Children Served Pre-COVID

Erica Kirch
Trinity Early Learning Center
Portland, OR
150 Children Served Pre-COVID

Sarah Baker
Tulip Tree Preschool
Portland, OR
34 Children Served Pre-COVID

Maria Sanchez
Eugene, OR
100 Children Served Pre-COVID

Brenda Dengo
Vermont Hills Family Life Center
Beaverton, OR
450 Children Served Pre-COVID

Laura Spargur
Wellington Preschool
Portland, OR
22 Children Served Pre-COVID

Wendi McNitt
Wendi's Childcare
Aumsville, OR
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Heidi Lawler
Whimsy and Wonder Preschool LLC
Portland, OR
20 Children Served Pre-COVID

Stephen Karmol
**Wild Lilac Child Development
Community**
Portland, OR
110 Children Served Pre-COVID

Rionna Ruley
Wildflower Child Care
Myrtle Creek, OR
17 Children Served Pre-COVID

Nicole Fravel
Wildwood Nature School
Portland, OR
16 Children Served Pre-COVID

Shana Attarzadeh
Woodlawn Montessori
Portland, OR
10 Children Served Pre-COVID

Deanna Cohen
Wow and Flutterville Playgardens
Portland, OR
49 Children Served Pre-COVID

Helen Li
Xstream Learning Center
Portland, OR
35 Children Served Pre-COVID

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