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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood

Measure: HB4005

Dear Chair Power, Vice Chairs Reynolds and Zika, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 4005. My name is Noemi Zamora, I am a parent and I live in Clackamas County.

I'm writing in support of HB 4005 because I believe this bill is important now more than ever. Accessible and affordable child care is necessary for our families. It is very difficult for working families to afford child care, and I know that child care providers have a hard time making ends meet. Parents need the peace of mind that their child care providers have enough funding and resources to be safe and stable for the families they serve.

The pandemic has made it very hard for families to count on child care. Sometimes there is a COVID scare and all of the children need to stay home. This means as a parent I must take time off of work to stay home. Child care providers have had a hard time keeping their doors open because it is hard to retain child care workers.

We need to expand and invest in more trained child care providers to care for our children. A government-funded child care system would benefit not only working parents, but also the child care providers who struggle to stay financially afloat while providing essential services for families like mine. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Noemi Zamora