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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood

Measure: HB4005

Testimony in support of HB 4005

February 2nd, 2022

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

My name is Huda Yusuf and I am writing in support of HB 4005. I am a mother of 3 beautiful children, all under 4 years old. This bill directly hits home and is something that I care about deeply.

I used to be a working mother, but when I had my second child I was not able to work anymore. I simply could not afford child care for my two children at the time. I want to return to work and find affordable child care for my kids. But finding childcare as a mother is so discouraging. It is very difficult to find affordable child care providers. I have tried to apply for jobs, but it is very hard to find work that will pay enough to cover the high cost of child care in addition to what my family needs to survive.

Mothers should not be in a position where they are forced to choose between working and caring for their children. The system should be designed to support mothers, and encourage them to reach their goals. HB 4005 will address these issues and provide more affordable child care options for working families. The agenda of HB 4005 needs attention, commitment and action from our state legislators. This is an issue that cannot afford to be put off! Please join me in supporting HB 4005.

Sincerely,
Huda Yusuf