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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce
Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3011

Dear Representative Hudson and State Legislators,

I am writing in support of the funding for Early Childhood Education programs via HB 3011. In our service counties (Linn and Benton), quality childcare is extremely difficult to find which, in turn, hampers our workforce and constrains our economic outlook. Students entering Early Childhood Education (ECE) need financial support as they are often in financial need yet with big hearts for this work. If their tuition is affordable, with minimal student loan debt, students who have a passion for this work can complete an Associate or Bachelor's degree and transform the lives of our children and the economic prospects of our region.

This is critical funding that has an amplifying impact on the economic outlook of Linn and Benton counties, and prepares qualified teachers to engage our children so that they can reach their highest potential.

Thank you for your consideration.

Meg Roland