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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce
Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3011

To whom it may concern,

I write in strong support of this bill. It is critical that we are funding early childhood education (ECE). A qualified ECE workforce is essential for developing quality ECE capacity. Right now, there are at least 3 children vying for each available slot. I was personally impacted by this when my daughter was disenrolled from a daycare due to lack of staffing. At the time, she was 6 months old. Finding a quality infant daycare center for her to attend was incredibly difficult and challenging. This had a direct impact on my ability to contribute to the workforce, had we not found childcare, I would have had to go on leave until we did. The lack of a ECE workforce often disproportionately impacts women in the workforce. I urge you to support funding HB3011.

Respectfully submitted,

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