

To: Ways and Means Committee

From: Rosa Rodríguez

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Co-Chair Tawna D. Sanchez, Co-Chair Kate Lieber and members of the the Committee

My name is Rosa Rodríguez and as a childcare provider, listening to families looking for childcare in the community is one of the hardest parts since ERDC has a waiting list. The parents have to look for other options having their children in a risk with other people kids, with older siblings, different family members when they're not developing appropriate because of the lack of environment and settings, positive relationships, consistency, unhealthy meals, long time in a screen time, etc. parents are risking their jobs and can lose their house because they can't afford it because they can't find a place for their children to stay consistently.

Open ERDC. Will be helpful for families to feel confident where their children are going to school/ daycare in a quality childcare setting,

Open jobs for providers and other children; and specially safe children that will develop appropriately and receive the care and that each unique needs to develop and grow in a healthy place environment to be successful in life for itself, Their family and community care for all families.

I urge you to allocate an additional \$500 million dollars for the ERDC program in the Department of Early Learning and Care budget.

Thank you,

Rosa Rodríguez

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