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February 25, 2022

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President pro Tempore, State Senate Chair,
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, State Assembly
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Chair, Senate Committee on Budget & Fiscal
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The Honorable Philip Ting
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
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Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1
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Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #3
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Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2
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RE: Updated Budget Request for Child Care Family Fees: \$187 Million

Dear Early Childhood Champions:

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed how the need for affordable child care touches every facet of our society and the disproportionate impact that the lack of care has on women and mothers of color. One way the state has mitigated this impact is through the suspension of family fees. Since July 1, 2021 California families have experienced much needed stability during a sustained period of profound uncertainty. Parents have been able to pay for necessities such as rent, food and utilities because they have been granted more financial liberty to choose how to spend their earned income.

26,578 families have benefited from the suspension of family fees from July 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022.¹ Families who are charged fees have saved an average of \$250 per month, with hundreds of families saving nearly \$600 per month. Thus far, waiving fees has kept \$48.3 million dollars in the pockets of California's working families statewide giving them the disposable income that generates economic activity in their local economy.²

Accordingly, we request \$187 million in the FY 2022-23 state budget to waive family fees through September 30, 2024 as permitted with the American Rescue Act of 2021, Child Care Development Block Grant Act Discretionary Supplemental Funds.³ We also ask for this year's state budget agreement to adhere to the provisions outlined in Assembly Bill 92 (Gómez Reyes).

Child care truly makes all other work possible by keeping our children thriving, parents working, and our economy running. Waiving family fees and making child care more affordable will extend instant relief to parents while keeping child care providers whole, and ensure the economic recovery of California is inclusive of women of color.

Sincerely,

Mary Ignatius, Parent Voices CA

Linda Asato, CA Child Care Resource & Referral Network

Donna Sneeringer, Child Care Resource Center

Laurie Furstenfeld, Child Care Law Center

Sue Miller and Kathi Harper, American Association of University Women CA

Kimberly Rosenberger, SEIU California/Child Care Providers United

Beverly Yu, UDW AFSCME Local 3930/Child Care Providers United

¹ Based on data from the California Department of Social Services, Feb. 11, 2022. 26,578 does not include families enrolled in CalWORKs Stage One Child Care (most families in Stage One receive cash assistance or earn under 40% of state median income (SMI) which makes them exempt from paying family fees), full-day California State Preschool (CSPP), California State Program for Special Needs Children (CHAN), and other families who are exempt from family fees such as families who receive CalWORKs cash assistance, qualify based on having a child who receives child protective services or is at-risk thereof, or earn less than 40% of the SMI.

² Families saved an estimated \$6.9 million per month based on statewide data collected by the California Department of Social Services for October 2021. This amounts to a total of \$48.3 million from July 1, 2021 to Jan. 31, 2022.

³ American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, §§ 2201(a) and (c) (2021). *See also* U.S. Dep't of Health & Human Svcs., *Information memorandum ARP Act CCDF Discretionary Supplemental Funds 10-11 (2021)*, available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/occ/CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-03.pdf>. This budget request is based on a cost estimate of \$6.9 million per month for 27 months, Jul. 1, 2022 through Sep. 30, 2024. This letter replaces our November 1, 2021 budget request of \$84 million budget to waive family fees.

Virginia Aceves, Child Care Provider
Active Learners
Arin Adolph, Parent
Salina Ahtye, Parent
Lourdes Alarcon, Parent
and Child Care Provider
Stacie Andrews, Child Care Provider
Celia Arce, Child Care Provider
Oneida Arevalo, Parent
Araceli Avila, Child Care Provider
Alice's Delagarza Family Child Care Home
Alinas Family Daycare
All Day Fun & Play Preschool & Child Care
Center
Almada's Family Child Care
Ana's Family Childcare
Anabel y Ricardo Quijano Carreon Family
Child Care
Anette Carrillo Family Child Care / Valley
Montessori Daycare
Angeles Family Child Care
Annabel's Family Childcare
ASG Strategy Consulting Inc.
Abril Bahena, Parent
Bailon Family Child Care
Judith Baker
Monina Balagtas, Parent
Catalina Barrera, Parent
Bay Area Council
Bojorquez Family Child Care
Bonilla Family Child-Care
Maria Nancy Botello, Parent
Bright Minds Montessori By Karla's Child
Care
Burgos Family Child Care
California Alternative Payment Program
Association (CAPPA)

California Association for the Education of
Young Children (CAAEYC)
California Family Child Care Network
California Partnership to End Domestic
Violence
Callejo Inc. Childcare
Camacho Family Day Care
Pamela Campos, Parent
Paola Campos, Parent
Rosa Cardenas, Family Child Care Provider
Silvia Cárdenas, Child Care Provider
Carousel Preschool and Childcare
Cesar Carrasco, Parent
Paula Carrasco, Parent
Blanca Carrillo, Child Care Provider
Pamela Castaneda, Parent
Castillo Family Child Care
Cristina Castillo, Child Care Provider
Margarita Castillo, Family Child Care
Provider
Veronica Castillon, Child Care Provider
Maria Castro, Child Care Provider
Ceferina Camarena Family Childcare
Janett Ceja, Child Care Provider
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Ivy Chang, Parent
Chepetla Reina y Tayde Family Child Care
Child Action, Inc.
Child Development Associates
Children Now
Children's Council of San Francisco
Circle of Friends Child Care Center
Ana Cisneros, Parent
Community Child Care Council of Sonoma
County
Connections for Children
Contreras Family Childcare
Jenny c, Child Care Provider

Deborah Corley, Family Child Care Provider
Joanna Corona, Child Care Provider
Nallely Correa, Parent
Margaret Corrigan, Parent
Juana Cortez, Child Care Provider
Council for a Strong America, ReadyNation
& Fight Crime: Invest in Kids
Crystal Stairs, Inc.
Nicole Culclager, Parent
Claudine Davis, Parent
Paula De Manuel
Discovery Montessori Preschool
Melanie Dodson-Bolin, Parent
and Child Care Provider
El Camino Kids Klub
Eileen's Family Childcare
Equal Rights Advocates
Fabiola Escobar, Family Child Care Provider
Maria Esparaza, Child Care Provider
Rosa Estrada, Family Child Care Provider
Adriana Estrella, Family Child Care Provider
Estrellas Del Mañana Family Childcare
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Claudia Fabian, Parent
Naima Facih, Parent
Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center
Nicole Fassold, Parent
Family Resource & Referral Center
Jenny Fannin, Child Care Provider
Elia Fernandez, Parent
Celia Flores, Child Care Provider
Veronica Flores, Family Child Care Provider
Fountains of Fun Daycare
Friends Committee on Legislation of
California
First 5 California
Sheila Fulmer, Child Care Provider
Setsuko Furuike

Gabby's Family Childcare
Noni Galloway, Parent
Dalila García, Family Child Care Provider
María de los Angeles García, Family Child
Care Provider
Garcia Family Childcare
Garcia's Family Child Care
Cindy Garcia, Parent
Taylor Garcia, Parent
Giggle Land Child Care
Yadira Giron, Parent
Martha Gomez, Parent
Gloria Gonzalez, Child Care Provider
Lucille Goodwin, Parent
Gracie's Family Day Care
Marcella Graves, Child Care Provider
Griselda's Family Day Care
Dina Guerra, Family Child Care Provider
Guillermina Garduño, Child Care Provider
Gurmilan Family Child Care
Alejandro Gutiérrez, Parent
María del Carmen Gutiérrez, Child Care
Provider
Cinthya Hernandez, Parent
Lourdes Hernandez, Parent
Maria Hernandez, Family Child Care
Provider
Martha & Jose Hernandez, Family Child
Care Provider
Mayra Hernandez, Child Care Provider
Rosa Hernandez, Child Care Provider
Carla Henry, Child Care Provider
Hickenbottom Family Child Care
Jacqueline Higgs, Child Care Provider
Hively
Alma Huerta, Parent
I.B. Family Child Care
Maria Ibarra, Family Child Care Provider

Imperial Learning Center
 J & S Family Daycare
 Maria Jandres, Parent
 Joana's Family Childcare
 Juanita's Day Care
 Maria Juarez, Child Care Provider
 Juana Kaiser, Child Care Provider
 June Kealoha-Hall, Parent
 Angela Khani, Child Care Provider
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 Kimosa Daycare
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 Lafargue Family Child Care
 Susan Larara, Parent
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 Legal Aid at Work
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 Leon Rosalinda Family Child Care
 Lety's Childcare
 April Leung, Parent
 Rachel Lewis, Parent
 Little Feet Family Childcare
 LiL Giggles Daycare
 Little Blossoms Childcare
 Little Lions Daycare
 Little Planet Family Childcare
 Little Rascals
 Little Treasures Family Childcare
 Elsa Félix Lizárraga, Family Child Care
 Provider
 Lopez Daycare
 Anabell Lopez Soto, Parent
 Dora Lopez, Family Child Care Provider
 Elva Lopez, Parent
 Hilda Lopez, Parent
 Miriam Lopez, Family Child Care Provider
 María Ofelia Lopez, Child Care Provider
 Love to Learn
 Lucas Family Child Care
 Duy Mai, Parent and Child Care Provider
 Magda Macias Family Childcare
 Madkins Family Childcare
 Magic Smile Day Care
 Marce Family Child Care
 Aurelia Mariscal, Child Care Provider
 Edma Marquez, Parent
 Magdalena Martínez Sierra, Child Care
 Provider
 Nancy Marroquin, Child Care Provider
 Denise Marzett, Child Care Provider
 Mathison Family Daycare
 Elvia McKinley, Parent
 Tonia McMillian, Child Care Provider
 Miles of Smiles Family Child Care
 Mitchell Fielder Family Childcare
 Mitchells Family Childcare
 Georgina Molina-Villegas, Child Care
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 Mommy Rabbit FDC
 Montelongos Fam♥Child Care
 Alexis Munoz, Parent
 My Playhouse Childcare
 My Village Manny
 National Council of Jewish Women-
 California
 National Women's Political Caucus of
 California
 María Neri, Parent
 Northern Directors Group
 Nufio Family Child Care
 Sienna O'Banion, Parent
 Oakland Starting Smart and Strong
 Only Love Children's Center
 Parent Voices Fresno
 Parent Voices Oakland
 Parent Voices San Francisco

Parent Voices Santa Clara
Parent Voices Sonoma
PEACH Early Childhood Higher Education
Collaborative
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Noemi Perez, Child Care Provider
Leticia Perez, Child Care Provider
Laura Pether-Acosta, Parent
Amy Petrovich, Parent
Pinwheel Family Child Care Home
Diana Pitones, Child Care Provider
Enedina Porras, Child Care Provider
Prasad Saileshni and Ajay Family Child Care
Public Counsel
Olga Ramirez, Child Care Provider
Lorenia Ramirez, Child Care Provider
Sonia Ramirez, Child Care Provider
Marlen Remache, Family Child Care
Provider
Alexandra Rios, Child Care Provider
Araceli Rivera, Family Child Care Provider
Josefina Rocha, Child Care Provider
Francis Rodriguez, Family Child Care
Provider
Maribel Rodriguez, Parent
Veronica Rodriguez, Family Child Care
Provider
Ysabelle Rosales, Parent
Esperanza Rosas, Parent
Ruiz Heather Family Child Care Home
Ruthena Family Daycare
Saint Vincent's Day Home
June Sale
Bris Saligan, Parent
Christina San Nicholas, Child Care Provider
Eva Sanchez, Parent
Natalie Sanchez
Silvia Sanchez, Family Child Care Provider

Sandra's Family Childcare
Milena Sanhueza, Child Care Provider
Lorena Santana, Parent
Lucy Sawtell
Dora Seaton-Msemaji, Child Care Provider
Varsha Sharma, Child Care Provider
Esperanza Silva, Family Child Care Provider
Kanika Singh, Parent
Artemio Sixtos, Parent
Smartstartdaycare
Rodrigo Sotelo, Parent
Guadalupe Soto, Child Care Provider
Bess Sternberg
Stokes Family Childcare
Shevalier Swanson, Parent
Sweet Steps Family Daycare
Subia Family Child Care
Super Kidz Family Child Care
The Wolf Pack Child Care
Ana Torres, Family Child Care Provider
Toledo's Daycare
Blanca Tiznado, Child Care Provider
Trini Tinoco, Child Care Provider
Nyny Tran, Parent
United Ways of California
Untitled No. 1 School
Silvia Uribe, Child Care Provider
Iris Urrutia, Child Care Provider
Martha Valdez, Parent
Sandra Valencia, Parent
Claudia Valladares, Child Care Provider
Marisela Vallejo, Child Care Provider
Valley Oak Children's Services
Laura Vargas, Parent
Lilia Araceli Vázquez, Family Child Care
Provider
Vianey Vazquez Child Care
Olivia Vasquez, Parent

Alma Vega, Family Child Care Provider
Leticia Vigil, Family Child Care Provider
Cynthia Villa, Child Care Provider
Villegas Family Child Care
Maria Vizcarra, Family Child Care Provider
Guadalupe Vizcarra, Child Care Provider
Wasson Family Child Care

Wee Tymes Playschool
Sheila Whipple, Parent
Tsering Yangchen, Child Care Provider
Sherese Young, Child Care Provider
Gilda Zandi, Family Child Care Provider
Noemi Zavala, Family Child Care Provider