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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via email to Nichole.Murillo@gov.ca.gov

Re: Waive Child Care Family Fees through September 30, 2024 in the May Revision

Dear Governor Newsom:

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed how vital child care is to every facet of our society, and the lack thereof disproportionately impacts women of color. Suspending family fees has helped mitigate these effects and provided much-needed stability for families and child care providers during this period of profound uncertainty.

Accordingly, we respectfully request **\$187 million in your May Revision to extend the waiver of child care family fees through September 30, 2024**, as permitted with the American Rescue Act of 2021, Child Care Development Block Grant Act Discretionary Supplemental Funds.¹ We also ask that the May Revision include the implementation of an equitable family fee schedule after September 30, 2024, as outlined in Assembly Bill 92 (Gómez Reyes).

26,578 families have benefited from the suspension of family fees since July 1, 2021.² Families charged with family fees have saved an average of \$250 per month, with hundreds of families saving nearly \$600 per month. Because waiving family fees has made child care truly affordable, parents are now paying for other necessities such as rent, gas, and food. They can also work full time and attend school thanks to waived fees, building the foundation for their family's long-term financial growth. Thus far, waiving fees has kept \$69.7 million in the pockets of California's

¹ 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), <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.

² Based on Cal. Dept of Social Services data, 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 which makes them exempt from family fees), full-day Cal. State Preschool, Cal. State Program for Special Needs Children, and other families who are already categorically exempt from paying family fees.

working families statewide, giving them the disposable income that generates state and local economic growth.³

Waiving family fees through September 30, 2024 brings instant relief to parents without burdensome applications while ensuring child care providers are paid-in-full and the economic recovery of California is inclusive of women of color.

Sincerely,

Mary Ignatius and Jennifer Greppi, Parent Voices CA
Laurie Furstenfeld, Child Care Law Center
Linda Asato, CA Child Care Resource & Referral Network
Donna Sneeringer, Child Care Resource Center
Sue Miller and Kathi Harper, American Association of University Women CA
Kimberly Rosenberger, SEIU California/Child Care Providers United
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4Cs of San Mateo County
A Home Away From Home Daycare
A Learning Experience Family Daycare
Active Learners
All Day Fun & Play Preschool & Child Care Center
Maria Angeles, Family Child Care Provider
Anna Andrade-Wolf, Child Care Provider
Jessica Arevalo, Parent
Augustine's Dreams Learning Center
Avina Rocio, Child Care Provider
Eymi Ayala
Cynthia Ballena, Family Child Care Provider
BANANAS, Inc.
Thelma Barrera, Family Child Care Provider
Martha Benitez-Lopez, Family Child Care Provider
Lillian Bonilla, Family Child Care Provider
Cecilia Boyer, Child Care Provider

Jill Burns, Child Care Provider
Tasha Burtram, Parent
Michelinda Buxton, Family Child Care Provider
Guadalupe Cabrera, Family Child Care Provider
California Alternative Payment Program Association (CAPPA)
California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC)
California Family Child Care Network
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
Andrea Carlise
Blanca Carrillo, Child Care Provider
Shaheen Castro, Child Care Provider
Child Action, Inc.
Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc.

³ Families saved an estimated \$6,969,320 million per month based on statewide data collected by the Cal. Dep't of Social Services for Oct. 2021. This amounts to a total of \$69,693,200 million from July 1, 2021 to Apr. 31, 2022.

Children Now	Provider
Children’s Council of San Francisco	Maria Gutierrez, Parent
Children’s Resource & Referral of Santa Barbara County	María Del Carmen Gutierrez, Child Care Provider
Circle of Friends Child Care	Mishel Guzman, Parent and Child Care Provider
Connections for Quality Care	Chana Ham-Rosebrock, Parent
Connections for Children	Heaven’s Kare Inc.
Margaret Corrigan	Eve Hershcopf
Elsa Contreras, Child Care Provider	Hickenbottom Family Child Care
Council for a Strong America	Kaitlyn Huson, Parent
Courage California	Indivisible California
Antoinette Crawford, Child Care Provider	Inyo County Office of Education—Child Development Division
Creative Learning Key Family Child Care	J & S Family Childcare
Crystal Stairs, Inc.	Kids Place 2 Explore and Learn LLC
Irma Cuenca, Child Care Provider	LiL Giggles Daycare
Alicia DeLaGarza, Family Child Care Provider	Lil Pumpkins Playschool
Jewanta Desardouin, Child Care Provider	Lopez Family Child Care
Maria Diaz Casas	Victoria López de Vallejo, Family Child Care Provider
El Camino Kids Club	Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF)
Equal Rights Advocates	Lucas Family Child Care
Thelma Escobar, Child Care Provider	Alexis Luna, Parent
Adriana Estrella, Family Child Care Provider	Madkins Family Childcare
EveryChild California	Julia Magallanes, Family Child Care Provider
Fairfax-San Anselmo Children’s Center	Magic Hours Family Daycare
Family Resource & Referral Center	Marin Child Care Council
Pamela Fedeli, Child Care Provider	Ava Martinez, Parent
Rosa Fernandez, Family Child Care Provider	Carolina Mathison, Family Child Care Provider
Celia Flores, Child Care Provider	Janis McCall, Child Care Provider
Veronica Flores, Family Child Care Provider	Tonia McMillian, Child Care Provider
Veronica Flores, Family Child Care Provider	Idania Mena, Child Care Provider
Friends Committee on Legislation of California	Lucia Mendoza, Child Care Provider
Cindy Garcia, Parent	Miriam’s Day Care
Taylor Garcia, Parent	Mission Child Care Consortium Inc.
Luebutar Garcia, Family Childcare Provider	Mitchells Family Child Care
Granny’s Place Home Daycare	
Karen Gonzalez, Child Care Provider	
Oralia Gonzalez Saldana, Family Child Care	

Modern Child Daycare
Habiba Mohamed, Family Child Care
Provider
Diana Morales, Parent
Juan Morales Lozano, Parent
Amparo Moreno, Child Care Provider
Edith Munoz, Family Child Care Provider
Veronica Munoz, Family Child Care Provider
Francisco Murillo, Parent
Magdalena Murillo, Parent
Vanessa Murillo, Parent
Yvonne Murillo, Parent
Khalifah Mutakabbir, Family Child Care
Provider
National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)
NCJW CA
NCJW, Greater Long Beach & West Orange
County Section
NCJW Los Angeles
Nectar Digital Collaborative
Margaret Kent Newton
Siu Kuen Ng Tsang, Child Care Provider
Nicholas O'Dowd
Oakland Starting Smart and Strong
Options for Learning
Pathways LA
Parent Voices Marin County
Jagruti Patel, Child Care Provider
Bayardo Pinell, Parent
Davida Pugh
Elsa Quintanilla, Parent
Bianca Quintero, Parent
Alma Quiroz, Family Child Care Provider
Alina Ramírez, Family Child Care Provider
Cecilia Ramirez, Family Child Care Provider
Francisca Ramirez, Child Care Provider
Sylvia Ramirez, Family Child Care Provider
Andrew Rodriguez, Parent

Ross Valley Nursery School
Heather Ruiz, Family Child Care Provider
Nancy Ruiz, Parent
Santos Ruiz, Child Care Provider
David Sacks
June Sale
Bris Saligan, Parent
Saint Vincent's Day Home
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Naiy Sargsyan, Family Child Care Provider
Siehmonba Childcare Learning &
Development Center
Kanika Singh, Parent
Siskiyou Child Care Council
Irene Sixtos, Child Care Provider
Tina Skinner, Family Child Care Provider
Angela Solis, Parent
Margie Subia, Family Child Care Provider
Susi's Playhouse
Oscar Tang, Parent, Family Child Care
Provider
Stevie Taylor, Parent
The Children's Cottage Daycare and
Preschool
The Wolf Pack Child Care
Tiny Champs Child Care Inc.
Tradeswomen Inc.
Silvia Uribe, Child Care Provider
Untitled No. 1 School
Theresa Vasquez, Family Child Care Provider
Maria Villafranco, Family Child Care
Provider
Leticia Virgil, Child Care Provider
Wasson Family Child Care
Wu Yee Children's Services
YMCA of the East Bay
Nancy Zermeno, Parent

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