



July 31, 2022

Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee California State Capitol, Room 412 Sacramento, CA 95814

## Re: AB 92 (Gómez Reyes) - SUPPORT AS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED ON AUGUST 1, 2022

Dear Chairperson Portantino,

We proudly support Assembly Bill 92. This bill promotes whole-family wellness by immediately putting money back into the pockets of families who need it most and child care providers making near-poverty earnings. People should be able to support their families without having to sacrifice their child's well-being. AB 92 will undo the harm of an outdated family fees system that is costly to administer. This bill helps families and child care providers, mainly women of color, achieve economic security:

"If I have to start paying my \$374 family fee again, I will have to drop back to part-time care for my son, take my daughter out of the gymnastics she LOVES, and scramble to have enough to pay for the costs of staying in college myself." - Kaitlyn, Parent Voices Leader

AB 92 financially liberates families with low incomes by implementing a new and equitable family fee schedule starting July 1, 2023, that ensures:

- No family earning below 75 percent of State Median Income pays family fees.
- Family fees do not exceed one percent of a family's monthly income.
- The State pays child care providers the total subsidy amount and does not reduce the number of child care spaces due to the reduction of collected family fees.

The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the need for affordable child care. Waiving family fees is an efficient solution that has already proven successful. AB 92 provides a long-term solution that reflects the economic realities parents face and helps counter the impacts of inflation. Parents and child care providers are our economy's backbone and deserve to know their children are well cared for. AB 92 will show them how grateful we are for their sacrifice.

Thank you for your leadership in supporting affordable child care. We respectfully ask for your "Aye" vote.

## Sincerely,

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