December 19, 2016

Dear President- Elect Trump:

The Child Care and Early Learning Coalition welcomes your recognition of the importance of affordable, high-quality child care. Child care is critical to our nation’s children, women, and families, to the professionals who care for and teach our young children, and to our economic growth and prosperity. The Coalition urges your Administration to move forward with substantial investments in high-quality child care, which will help parents work, boost the well-being of children, and make our economy stronger.

The signatories below support strategies that give low- and middle-income families financial help in affording high-quality child care so parents can succeed at work; that reflect families’ preferences and needs for child care; that fund salaries needed to attract and retain well-qualified child care professionals; and that give children the early learning experiences they need to succeed in school and in life and to become productive members of the future workforce.

We hope to work with your Administration in its first 100 days to help hard-working families succeed through significant new investments in child care. We encourage you to make an initial investment in child care because it would shore up our nation’s infrastructure. Child care is a vital part of our national infrastructure that is central to working families, communities, and the current and future economic success of our country. When we invest in building the best roads and bridges, we need to make sure that the workers building those roads and bridges have the best child care for their children. Simply put, parents cannot work if they do not have child care. As you have noted, today’s workforce includes 73.5 million women, which represents 47 percent of the entire U.S. labor force. About 25.5 million of these women in the labor force have children under age 18, including over 10 million who have children under age six. These women need to work to help support their families, but the high cost of child care often makes this impossible.

The most effective, efficient way to invest in child care would be through a substantial increase in funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), our major federal child care program. The program, which provides vouchers directly to working families to help them afford the child care of their choice, is serving just one out of six children eligible for help, and the number of children receiving assistance has been steadily declining over the past several years due to insufficient federal funding. In 2014, Congress reauthorized the program—with broad bipartisan support—to protect the health and safety of children in child care and remove bureaucratic hurdles to families’ getting and keeping child care assistance. By investing in this program, you can immediately provide greater opportunity to more low- and middle-income parents and help them get to work building highways, bridges, airports, and other projects.

Increased funding should also be used to expand the supply of child care. Child care employs millions of individuals in small and large businesses. Infrastructure funds should be used to upgrade and expand existing child care centers, build new child care centers, and cover start-up costs for small family child care businesses. The funding should be used to improve the quality of child care jobs as well—these jobs currently pay, on average, less than $11 an hour. When child care professionals are well-paid and have good working conditions, child care is more
likely to be high-quality and provide a safer and more enriching setting for children so they can thrive.

Investments in child care should be targeted at those families who have been struggling the most in this economy. We need to make sure that these families are no longer overlooked and that they get the affordable, stable, high-quality child care they need to get and keep a job and their children need to encourage their learning and growth.

We look forward to working with you and with Congress to make these investments, that would benefit our children, our families, and our country.

Sincerely,

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Nemours Children’s Health System
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Nurses for Daycare LLC
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Parents as Teachers
Partnership for America’s Children
Peace Educators Allied for Children Everywhere
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T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood National Center
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Cullman County Home Child Care Association
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Gulf Regional Child Care Awareness Alliance
Jackson County Home Child Care Association
Lauderdale County Home Child Care Association
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Pike County Home Childcare Association
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Wire Grass Home Providers Association

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thread, Child Care Resource and Referral Network

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Arizona Fair Share
Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children

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California Alternative Payment Program Association Children’s Foundation
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California Fair Share
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Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of San Mateo County
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First 5 Association of California
First 5 California
First 5 LA
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Northern Directors Group
Options for Learning
Parent Voices CA
Sierra Nevada Children’s Services
Solano Family & Children’s Services
Wu Yee Children's Services

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Clayton Early Learning
Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children
Colorado Children’s Campaign
Colorado Fair Share
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

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Bloomfield Early Learning Center
Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut
Coalition for New Britain’s Youth
Connecticut Association for Human Services
Connecticut Association for the Education of Young Children
Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance
Connecticut Voices for Children

CSEA/SEIU Local 2001
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Naugatuck Partnership for Children
Southington Daycare Providers Association Connecticut
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KIDS COUNT in Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
RESULTS DC: U.S. Poverty Chapter

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Champions for Children, Inc.
Children's Forum
Cornerstone Family Ministries
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Maine Children’s Alliance
Maine Community Action Association
Maine Equal Justice Project
Maine Head Start Director’s Association
Maine Resilience Building Network
Maine Women’s Lobby
The Bingham Program
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Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc.

MASSACHUSETTS
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United Way of the Lakeshore

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Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association
Minnesota School-Age Alliance
New Horizon Academy
Ramsey County Family Child Care Association
Stearns Benton Child Care Association
Think Small

MISSISSIPPI
Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative

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NC Institute for Child Development Professionals
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North Carolina Child Care Coalition
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Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

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South Carolina Citizen Review Panel
South Carolina Early Childhood Association
South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Care
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Tennessee Association for the Education of Young Children

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Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
Wisconsin Early Childhood Association

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