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# JOINT STATEMENT: National Organizations on Federal Child Care Program

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“For decades, CCDF has made it possible for hard-working families to afford safe, quality care for their children while parents work or go to school. It supports working families, strengthens local economies, and promotes the healthy development of young children. Without this program these families would not be able to afford child care, leading to strained finances, stress, and increased instability for their children. The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is a trusted bipartisan program with a long history of support.

Fraud at any level is unacceptable and takes valuable child care away from eligible families. Every dollar of CCDF funding must be used wisely and as intended, to support programs and hard-working educators in providing critical child care for eligible families and children. Simultaneously, it is essential that the strong oversight and internal controls already in place to govern these resources are ensuring the funding is being used properly, and that it continues to reach hard-working, eligible families.

We urge leaders to act with urgency to ensure that the Administration for Children and Families disburses CCDF funding without further disruption, while working in partnership with states as they deliver CCDF funding efficiently and responsibly. We also urge Congress to protect and prioritize child care investments during the Appropriations process, continue the strong, bipartisan support for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program, and build upon efforts to increase access to affordable, quality child care.”

Signed,

Advance Illinois

American Federation of Teachers

All Nations Rise

All Our Kin

Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors

Arizona Early Childhood Alliance

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

BridgeCare

Child Care Aware of America

Children First Action Fund

Children's Institute

Common Good Iowa

Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children

Early Childhood Education Consortium

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

First Children's Finance

First Five Years Fund

First Focus on Children

GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students

Groundwork Ohio

Illinois Action for Children

Illinois Developmental Therapy Association

Licensed Child Care Association of Oklahoma

Maine Children's Alliance

Mission: Readiness

Moms First

National Association for the Education of Young Children

National Association of Family Child Care

National Child Care Association

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

Raising Illinois

ReadyNation

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

RI Association for the Education of Young Children

Save the Children

Start Early

Texas Licensed Child Care Association

Third Way

TOOTRIS

Western New York Child Care Action Team & Child Care Next NY

YMCA of the USA

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