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Representative Steven Woodrow, Chair  
Representative Brianna Titone, Vice Chair  
Colorado House Finance Committee

*RE: Small Business Majority's support for HB26-1004: Continuation of the Child Care Contribution Tax Credit*

Thank you, Chair Woodrow and members of the Committee:

My name is Hunter Nelson and I'm the Colorado Director for Small Business Majority, a small business organization with a mission to empower America's diverse entrepreneurs to build a thriving and equitable economy. I'm pleased to provide testimony on HB26-1004, legislation that would extend the Child Care Continuation Tax Credit for 10 years.

We consistently hear from Colorado's childcare providers that they are operating on thin margins and struggling to keep their doors open. Yet, they're not the only ones struggling: Small Business Majority's [research](#) found that 59% of entrepreneurs said that a lack of childcare for their own children was an impediment to growing their business. Infant and toddler care is particularly challenging for entrepreneurs. Last year, a Colorado small business owner in our network was forced to close her business when she was expecting her second child because her family couldn't afford care for one child, much less two children. Without access to childcare, she hadn't been able to invest in her business in the way that she wanted, resulting in its closure.

A lack of childcare also causes difficulties for small business employees -- [30%](#) of small businesses have had an employee quit due to their childcare issues. These struggles underscore the importance of supporting small childcare businesses so they can provide an essential service to their communities and offer essential infrastructure to other small businesses and their employees. Colorado's Child Care Contribution Tax Credit generates around \$60 million per year to support childcare providers across the state, helping them keep their doors open while also helping families access care.

Therefore, it's important to renew the tax credit for another ten years so that the Colorado small business community has more opportunities to access the childcare they need. We urge you to pass this legislation to support small business childcare providers, entrepreneurs and their employees.

Sincerely,

Hunter Nelson  
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