



September 29, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader, United States Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker, United States House of Representatives  
217 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

*SRE: Small Business Support of the Child Care Stabilization Act (S. 2770; H.R.5433)*

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Speaker McCarthy:

As representatives of America's 33 million small businesses, our organizations write today in support of the Child Care Stabilization Act (S. 2770; H.R.5433). It is essential that Congress passes the Child Care Stabilization Act to ensure adequate and continued childcare funding, which can bolster quality workforce and be a key factor in entrepreneurial sustainability.

Small business owners and their employees need affordable and accessible childcare in order to thrive and keep our economy moving. While it's well-documented that access to childcare has been a particular challenge over the last few years, thousands of childcare providers and the families they serve greatly benefited from federal pandemic-related funding, which will end in a matter of days. This looming deadline will impact more than [700,000 childcare programs](#), many of which are likely to close.

This will create a massive domino effect that will greatly impact small businesses and their employees, and the overall economy. A recent [economic analysis by the Century Foundation](#) estimates that as a result of this funding cliff, states will experience an estimated \$10.6 billion loss in tax and business revenue per year. Parents around the country, many of whom own or work for a small business, will be forced to choose between their job and their families.

This is why it is of utmost importance for you to pass the Child Care Stabilization Act. This commonsense proposal would provide \$16 billion in funding over the next five years, helping to alleviate the drop off in critical investments to keep childcare centers afloat during this vital time.

Entrepreneurs and small business owners need a stable and affordable childcare industry. [Thirty-six percent of small business owners](#) with children report that not having access to childcare was a barrier to starting their own business, while more than 3 in 10 employers report that employees' families and childcare issues affect their job performance or productivity.

What's more, many childcare providers are small business owners themselves, the [majority of whom are women and people of color](#) and who already struggle to access funding and resources for their businesses. If these businesses close, our economy will face an [estimated \\$9 billion in earning losses](#) annually. By supporting small childcare providers, we can continue working toward a path of inclusive recovery.

We thank you for your consideration of this legislation to increase childcare accessibility and affordability, and for your support of America's small business owners and those they employ.

Sincerely,

Adelante Community Development  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern  
California

Atlanta Wealth Building Initiative  
California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce

California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity (CAMEO)  
California Black Chamber of Commerce  
California Capital Financial Development Corporation  
California EDGE Coalition  
California Health Professional Student Alliance at Berkeley  
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)  
California Physicians Alliance  
California WIC Association  
Caring Across Generations  
Career Ladders Project (CLP)  
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice  
Ceres Community Project  
Child Care Law Center  
Child Care Resource Center of California  
Children Now  
Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce  
Colorado Center on Law and Policy  
Community for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Leadership & Opportunities (CIELO)  
Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley  
Community Health Partnership  
Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center  
Courage California  
Energize Colorado  
EveryChild California  
First 5 California  
First 5 San Mateo County  
Focus Center/Enfocar Centro  
Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS)

Grail Family Services  
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective  
Jefferson Economic Development Institute (JEDI)  
Legal Aid at Work  
Los Angeles Economic Equity Accelerator and Fellowship (LEEAF)  
LA Best Babies Network  
The Latino Chamber of Commerce of Boulder County  
Main Street Alliance  
Maternal and Child Health Access  
Mi Casa Resource Center  
Mixteco/Indígena Community Organizing Project  
National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles  
New Moms  
Orange County Equality Coalition  
Raizes Collective  
Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute (RMMFI)  
San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition  
San Francisco Filipino American Chamber of Commerce  
Sistahbiz Global Network  
Small Business Majority  
Stanislaus 2030  
Startup Colorado  
UNITE-LA  
University Childcare of Chicago  
Vail Valley Partnerships  
Ventures  
Watsonville Law Center  
Women's Business Development Center (WBDC)  
Young Invincibles

CC: The Honorable Patty Murray  
The Honorable Katherine M. Clark