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Maryland Senate
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 480 / HB 89: Child Care Stabilization and Expansion Grant Program - Established

Members of the Maryland Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 members and fully support establishing a grant program for child care centers contained in SB 480.

This bill would be a huge help to child care centers looking to expand, and for a huge boost for working families that need child care centers. Finding quality child care should not be a luxury for Maryland's working families. It needs to be baked into the recipe of social support programs.

Especially for those families that may be suffering from job loss, job seekers, chronically underemployed, or for those parents looking for child care centers that can handle the tremendous need for quality child care within their community. Finding quality child care is a huge issue for working families, and still lingers as one of the biggest needs for a large populations of our state's working families. And this grant program would be a great augmentation to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future family support framework, and wrap around services offerings.

Maryland needs workers and what better way to get them back to work than by taking care of their child care needs. Child care centers that have trained staff and can handle children safely for the entire work day. This grant program can also make a positive impact on many of Maryland's working families, support working moms and dads as they work to pay their bills, and to feed their families.

We hope that the MGA will also work on other constructive ways of child care centers while supporting Maryland's working families.

Please support Senate Bill 480 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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