

Testimony in Support of HB 1314 "Right to Start Act"
Submitted to the Economic Committee

I am reaching out to your committee today to express my support of HB 1314. As a childcare provider in Maryland, I am keenly aware of the funding issues with early childhood initiatives including the Child Care Scholarship program and the Growing Family Childcare Opportunities Pilot Program. This bill redirects funding from business tax filing fees to support money for families who depend on the Child Care Scholarship program to help them pay for childcare in order to work and to support increasing the number of family child care providers and ultimately the spots available in childcare across the state. Creative funding streams to support childcare are always a great idea.

I thank you in advance for your support of HB 1314.

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