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I strongly support H.B. 331, which would codify the ability to use campaign finance funds for childcare expenses related to campaign activities. Child care can be a barrier to run for office, and this bill would provide support to help parents participate in public service.

As a mom of a young child who hopes to run for office in the future, I worry about the costs associated with childcare when balancing running a campaign and taking care of a family. Childcare is expensive, and sometimes candidates need to arrange childcare so that they can participate in certain campaign events without their children.

Even though the ethics ruling issued recommendations, the language is ambiguous and not concrete. Not everyone can rely on family or friends to help with childcare, and therefore we must pass H.B. 331 to codify the recommendations of the ethics ruling into law to promote equity in the political world.

Thank You,

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