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To: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Vice Chair
Ways and Means Committee

The Maryland Women's Caucus is proud to express our unanimous support for HB 1343: Anne Arundel County – Property Tax – Day Care Centers and Child Care Centers. This crucial legislation seeks to alleviate financial burdens on child care providers by exempting certain personal property from valuation and taxation and authorizing local governments to provide property tax credits for real property used as child care centers.

Affordable and accessible child care is essential for the economic well-being of Maryland's women and working families. Women continue to serve as the primary caregivers in many households, often facing significant challenges in balancing their careers with the rising costs of quality child care. By reducing the financial strain on child care providers, HB 1343 helps ensure that child care services remain available and affordable for families across Anne Arundel County.

The high cost of child care often forces women to make difficult choices, such as leaving the workforce or reducing their work hours, which directly impacts their earning potential and economic mobility. Strengthening the financial stability of child care providers supports a more sustainable child care infrastructure, ultimately benefiting working mothers by increasing their access to affordable care options.

Furthermore, HB 1343 acknowledges that child care affordability is not just a family issue—it is an economic issue. Accessible child care enables more women to participate fully in the workforce, fostering economic growth, business productivity, and long-term financial security for Maryland families. Providing tax relief for child care centers will help these vital businesses remain operational and better equipped to serve working families.

By advancing policies that support Maryland's women and working families, HB 1343 represents an important investment in gender equity and economic opportunity. The Maryland Women's Caucus urges the Ways and Means Committee to issue a favorable report on this bill. Together, we can work toward a more equitable and supportive economic landscape for women and families throughout Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to improving the lives of Marylanders.