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As a parent advocate in Prince George's County, I strongly support SB0672, Prince George's County - Expanding Access to Early Childhood Education and Child Care. This legislation represents a critical investment in our children, our families, and the long-term stability of our community.

Far too many families in Prince George's County struggle to access affordable, high-quality early childhood education and child care. These barriers disproportionately impact working families, single parents, and children with specialized needs. SB0672 directly addresses these inequities by expanding access, strengthening program capacity, and ensuring that more children enter kindergarten prepared to learn and thrive.

Research consistently shows that early childhood education is one of the most powerful tools we have to close opportunity gaps. When children receive strong early learning experiences, they are more likely to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. SB0672 recognizes this reality and ensures that Prince George's County is not left behind in providing these essential supports.

This bill also strengthens families. Access to reliable child care allows parents to work, pursue education, and maintain financial stability. When families are supported, our entire county benefits—from stronger workforce participation to reduced long-term social service costs.

Senator Washington's leadership on this issue reflects a deep understanding of the needs of our community. SB0672 is a forward-thinking, family-centered bill that prioritizes children's development and parental stability.

I urge the General Assembly to pass SB0672 and ensure that every child in Prince George's County has access to the early learning opportunities they deserve.

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