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**Subject:** Frontline Worker Pay Fund Testimony

Dear Frontline Worker Pay Working Group,

I am writing to you as a written testimony as hope that you too will see that childcare workers should be at the forefront for the \$250 million federal relief fund bonuses.

As a childcare teacher, my colleagues and myself are working every day with a group of children that are too young to be vaccinated. This is putting us at a daily risk of exposure in a field where social distancing is not obtainable. Childcare workers were called upon to stay open during this pandemic by the Governor and stepped up in answering this call so that other essential workers could have childcare for their families. We are a field that is already underpaid and it is my belief that the relief fund could help offset some of the hardships that we already incur.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Kienholz