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August 31, 2021

RE: Frontline Worker Pay/Stabilization Grants for Child Care

Chairs and Committee Members:

My name is Cyndi Cunningham. I have been a Licensed Family Child Care Provider in St. Paul for 26 years and am the current Public Policy Chairperson for Minnesota Child Care Provider Information Network (MCCPIN), a 501c3 sitewide association for Licensed Child Care Providers.

The question was raised during the Frontline Worker hearing, August 12, 2021, regarding upcoming stabilization grant for child care which technically allocates 70% payment to salary.

The Stabilization Grant information was released Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

- 1) Award amounts are based on FTE's (employee #'s) as was passed in the state law. (Fed law stated this was to be based on operational costs).
- 2) LFCC's will receive \$430 as owners/operators and any addition IF they have an employee (most do not) and CCAP clients (which we have no control over).
- 3) Centers will receive \$430 per FTE, and most will receive additional \$\$'s as they have the highest percentage of CCAP clients.
- 4) Technically, 70% of these amounts is for payroll increase though there is no standard how this amount is spread to employees (i.e., possible that not all center staff receive a \$300 monthly increase).
- 5) There is no accountability nor documentation required as to where the \$\$'s are spent. Honor system. There is no accountability for chains in multiple states utilizing the \$\$'s within the state.

We are asking that LFCC's be included in the Frontline Worker pay, even in lieu of Stabilization Grants. We are also asking that monies be distributed from the Frontline Worker fund directly to providers, both LFCC's & center staff (a missing voice in all hearings), not to center management.

- The \$430 to LFCC's is an extremely low number to 'stabilize' our businesses. This is less than 1 slot for about 3 weeks. It in no way compensates for the risks we have been, and will continue to be, exposed to.



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- The Stabilization grants will primarily be funding and stabilizing centers as they will receive the highest \$\$ amounts per location. These centers are also primarily located in the metro which leaves the rural providers on a very 'unstable' platform.
- It is unknown how center staff has received compensation as the centers have not reported nor will be required to report, increases and/or supports directly to employees. (There are reports that the center staff have had to use their PTO for exposures/illnesses, even while chains have received large \$\$ amounts from the state/fed grants.)

Thank you for your time and efforts to address such complicated topics within this pandemic.

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