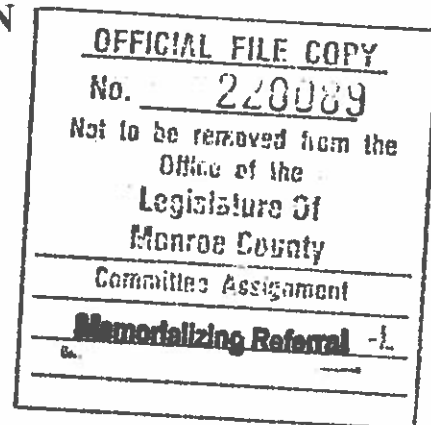




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To The Honorable
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RE: Memorializing the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to Invest \$5 billion in the child care sector in the Fiscal Year 2023 enacted budget to ensure that all families have access to child care and providers are compensated accordingly

Honorable Legislators,

New York State Senate Bill S7595 and NYS Assembly companion bill A8623 call for a system in which all families in New York State have access to child care, and all child care workers are paid fairly as educators. The Universal Child Care Act will provide "for the establishment and funding of universal child care in the state of New York; [will] relate to the effectiveness of the child care availability taskforce and make an appropriation [for same]." This State legislation has been introduced with the goal of creating a free and universal child care system that is available to all, in the same manner as the public school system, without the burdens of means-testing.

New York State's child care sector is facing an economic crisis. In 2018, the NYS legislature created a Child Care Availability Task Force. In 2021, that Task Force issued its final report, finding that the current crisis "requires a dramatically different approach to child care: one that recognizes that high-quality child care is a public good and that provides the necessary public investment" to implement a system of high-quality universal child care. There also exists a crisis in the availability and quality of child day care in NYS, and this crisis poses a danger to both the welfare and safety of the children and to the productivity of the workforce.

The extremely high turnover rate has interfered with the ability of day care centers to comply with regulatory requirements and to properly serve the children in their care. Due to these extraordinary circumstances, the state must intervene and provide assistance for recruitment and retention of child care workers. The Senate and Assembly bills outline appropriations. Funds would also be allocated to



local social services districts for grants to support the retention and recruitment of teaching and supervisory staff.

Therefore, I ask you to join me in thanking our State Delegation for supporting A8623 and S7595, and to urge passage of both bills. We also request Governor Hochul invest \$5 billion in the child care sector in the Fiscal Year 2023 enacted budget to ensure that all families have access to child care and providers are compensated accordingly

Respectfully submitted,



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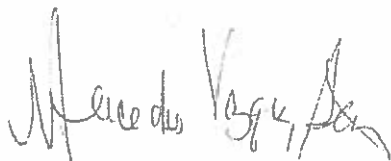
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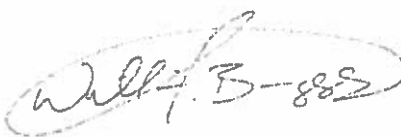
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