October 11, 2018

The Honorable Richard Shelby

United States Senate

304 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby,

The Child Care and Early Learning Coalition appreciates the increased funding included in the FY 2019 Labor Health and Human Services and Education bill for the flagship programs that helps families work and young children succeed- the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head Start and Early Head Start. We also welcome the modest increase in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, the Preschool Grants Program under Section 619 of Part B of IDEA, as well as the continued funding for Preschool Development Grants, early intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities under Part C of IDEA, and CCAMPIS.

We thank you for these investment that build on the important support the Committee provided in the FY 2018 Appropriations bill and provide a signal to families and children and their communities about the importance of these supports to their success now and in the future.

Sincerely,

AFSCME

Center for Community Change Action

Child Care Aware of America

Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)

Early Care and Education Consortium

First Five Years Fund

First Focus

IDEA Infant and Toddlers Coordinators Association (ITCA)

Jumpstart

National Association for the Education of Young Children

National Association for Family Child Care

National Center for Learning Disabilities

National Council of Jewish Women

National Indian Child Care Association

National Women’s Law Center

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