August 4, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader Schumer,

We write today to urge you to prioritize the inclusion of both the Child Care is Essential Act and the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act in the next Coronavirus supplemental package. In order for our economy to recover, and for working families to return to work, the next supplemental package must include at least $50 billion in immediate child care stabilization funds and long-term investments to ensure access to quality, affordable child care for workers.

As we continue to navigate the devastating impacts of the pandemic, the National Association for the Education of Young Children estimates that 40% of child care providers could close permanently.\(^1\) This would be devastating for children, families, child care providers, and businesses. Unfortunately, the CARES Act did not provide enough funds to stabilize the industry and the Paycheck Protection Program provided short-term relief to less than 6 percent of all child care providers.\(^2\) Child care is too essential to fail. The upcoming stimulus must invest in child care so that we can stabilize and secure American families and our economy.

The House passed H.R. 7027, the Child Care is Essential Act and H.R. 7327, the Child Care for Economic Recovery Act in a bipartisan manner. This was a monumental first step. Passing those bills as part of the upcoming stimulus package must be a top priority so that we can begin the hard work of rebuilding and revitalizing our future.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to supporting your efforts to provide for the future of America’s children, economy, and early education and child care programs.

Sincerely,

Katherine Clark
Member of Congress

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress

Richard E. Neal
Member of Congress

---


\(^2\) https://bipartisanpolicy.org/blog/child-care-essential-to-economic-recovery-received-just-2-3-billion-in-ppp-funds/
Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress

Cindy Axne
Member of Congress

Lisa Blunt Rochester
Member of Congress

Julia Brownley
Member of Congress

Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress

Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.
Member of Congress

Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress

Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress

Lois Frankel
Member of Congress

Eddie Bernice Johnson
Member of Congress

Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

John B. Larson
Member of Congress

Carolyn B. Maloney
Member of Congress

Marcia L. Fudge
Member of Congress

Jimmy Panetta
Member of Congress

Karen Bass
Member of Congress

Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress

Judy Chu
Member of Congress

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress

Peter A. DeFazio
Member of Congress

Abby Finkenauer
Member of Congress

Jesús G. "Chuy" García
Member of Congress

Marcy Kaptur
Member of Congress

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress

Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress

Tony Cárdenas
Member of Congress

David N. Cicilline
Member of Congress

Bonnie Watson Coleman
Member of Congress

Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress

Bill Foster
Member of Congress

Pramila Jayapal
Member of Congress

Joseph P. Kennedy, III
Member of Congress

Conor Lamb
Member of Congress

Ben Ray Luján
Member of Congress

Gwen S. Moore
Member of Congress
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Member of Congress</th>
<th>Member of Congress</th>
<th>Member of Congress</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Joseph D. Morelle</td>
<td>Seth Moulton</td>
<td>Jerrold Nadler</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eleanor Holmes Norton</td>
<td>Bill Pascrell, Jr.</td>
<td>Donald M. Payne, Jr.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chellie Pingree</td>
<td>Mark Pocan</td>
<td>Katie Porter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ayanna Pressley</td>
<td>Jamie Raskin</td>
<td>Tim Ryan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linda T. Sánchez</td>
<td>Mary Gay Scanlon</td>
<td>Jan Schakowsky</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adam Smith</td>
<td>Jackie Speier</td>
<td>Tom Suozzi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mike Thompson</td>
<td>Lori Trahan</td>
<td>Lauren Underwood</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennifer Wexton</td>
<td>Frederica S. Wilson</td>
<td>Darren Soto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Yarmuth</td>
<td>David Trone</td>
<td>Mark Takano</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
<td>Member of Congress</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**CC:**
The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert C. “Bobby” Scott  
Chairman
House Education and Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Virginia Foxx  
Ranking Member
House Education and Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515