

Dear Colleagues:

We write to invite you to join the Congressional Pre-K and Child Care Caucus. The Pre-K and Child Care Caucus is dedicated to fostering bipartisan and comprehensive conversations to promote high-quality, accessible early education and child care for our nation's children.

Early education programs are imperative because they help children develop important academic and social skills they will need to succeed in school and in life. Research shows that children who participate in Pre-K programs are more likely to read at grade level, less likely to repeat a grade or drop out, and more likely to succeed in their careers.

Additionally, addressing the child care needs of families is a critical element to strengthening our communities and economy, as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic exacerbated an already fragile child care system in which many families struggled to find affordable, high-quality child care.

By joining the Pre-K and Child Care Caucus, members will have a forum to:

- Examine early education priorities and child care programs to gain a deeper understanding of the benefits of early childhood education and child care;
- Explore best practice programs; and
- Develop policy recommendations to improve and expand early education and child care.

If you wish to join or have any questions about the Pre-K and Child Care Caucus, please contact either Eyole Mbongo (eyole.mbongo@mail.house.gov) with Congressman Joaquin Castro, Shane Hand (shane.hand@mail.house.gov) with Congressman Tom Cole, Ashley Bykerk (ashley.bykerk@mail.house.gov) with Congresswoman Katherine M. Clark, or David Ross (david.ross@mail.house.gov) with Congressman Rodney Davis.

Sincerely,

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