



September 22, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Emmer
Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy, Majority Leader Scalise and Majority Whip Emmer,

We are rapidly approaching a child care crisis that will be devastating for working families across the country. In less than 10 days, key child care funding will expire—and estimates from The Century Foundation suggest that more than 70,000 child care programs will likely close and approximately 3.2 million children could lose their child care spots.

This worsening crisis will have a ripple effect across the entire economy, with a recent report from The Century Foundation showing that the upcoming funding cliff will cost states \$10.6 billion in economic activity per year and cost families \$9 billion each year in lost earnings.

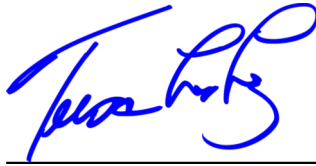
The Democratic Women's Caucus urges you to immediately act to provide additional resources for child care, including by bringing up the *Child Care Stabilization Act* for a vote and advancing an appropriations bill that increases funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). Additionally, we urge you to work with us towards comprehensive long-term solutions, like the *Child Care for Working Families Act*, to bolster the care economy to prevent the need for future emergency spending.

Addressing this crisis should not be a partisan issue. Working parents are watching closely, and they do not want to see this looming child care crisis ignored. We urge you to take immediate action to prevent this catastrophe.

Sincerely,



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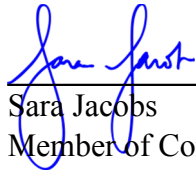
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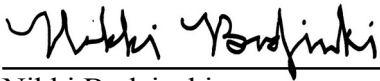

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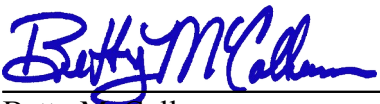

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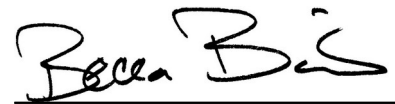

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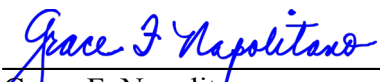

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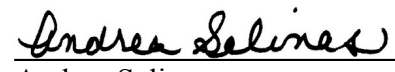

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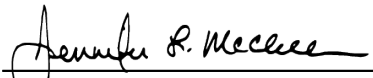

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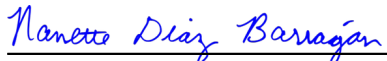

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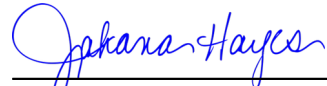

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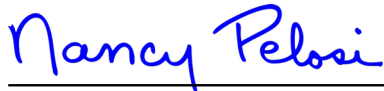
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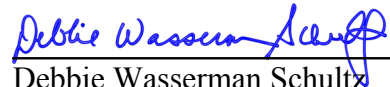
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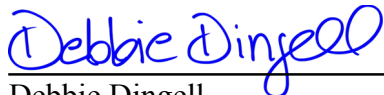
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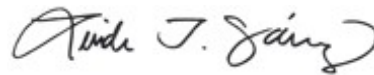
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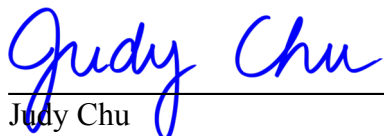
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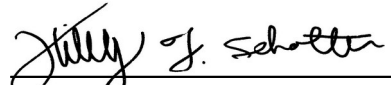
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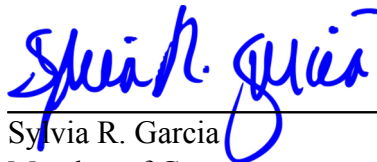
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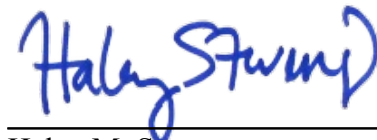
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