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Re: SB 164

Dear Sen Tyson and Members of the Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I am a family child care provider in Olathe and am also the Vice President for Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas (CCPC). We are a non-profit founded by family child care providers and working to promote the work and the voice of family child care providers in our state. The organization began in the late 1970s and continues its work today.

We host an annual training conference, this year we strive to provide all 16 hours that a provider will need in order to meet their training requirements for their license renewal. We collaborate with various organizations and Early Childhood stakeholders, advocate for the opportunities and accomplishments of family child care, and work to keep our members informed of important information and decisions that affect their lives. The beauty of family child care is that in the 3,000+ licensed family and group environments across the state we offer diverse options for families as they raise their children.

We appreciate your effort to create a tax credit for the professionals providing care in licensed child care facilities in Kansas. Although our work is an honorable profession, it is quite difficult for our workforce to earn a living wage and make ends meet. A tax credit is one way to support the Early Childhood workforce in Kansas as we do our work.

The recent sustainability grant monies have helped providers stay open, making ends meet. Often the grant money has helped a provider avoid raising tuition rates for enrolled families. However, those monies are set to run out before summer. This tax credit will help providers offset the financial burden of operating their businesses.

However, CCPC asks that you readdress some language in the bill. You define a Child Care Facility and clarify that it includes day care homes and group day care homes. You also define the term qualified employee. Please remember that the owner of a day care home and/or group day care home is not an employee.

We can be considered owner/operators or sole proprietors. Many also operate as an LLC and on occasion, an S Corp. We may hire employees for daily operations. Please ensure that the wording of this bill does not inadvertently exclude a sizable portion of the workforce in this state.

CCPC values your time and effort. We are grateful for your consideration as we work to strengthen our field and ensure that families in Kansas receive high quality care for children.

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