

My name is Fabiola Burns. I am a parent/caregiver and member of Parents Leading for Educational Equity (PLEE). **I am writing in strong support of H7319, which would expand**

the Child Care for Child Care Educators program.

Child care educators play a critical role in supporting Rhode Island's children and families, yet

many child care workers struggle to afford child care for their own children.

Expanding this program would help stabilize the early childhood workforce, reduce staffing shortages, and support the educators who care for children every day.

When we support child care educators, we strengthen the entire early childhood system.

I respectfully urge you to support H7319.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Fabiola Burns]

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