

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 **H7393, the Child Care is Essential bill.**

Families across Rhode Island are struggling with the high cost of child care and the lack of available slots. Many parents are forced to reduce work hours, leave jobs, or make impossible

choices because they cannot access affordable care.

This bill is important because it would expand eligibility for child care assistance and increase

reimbursement rates for child care providers. Child care providers are essential to our communities, yet many are underpay and struggling to stay open.

Investing in child care supports children, families, providers, and Rhode Island's workforce and

economy.

I respectfully urge you to support H7393.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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