



To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Adry Mendoza Carpio, Assistant Director, Genesis Child Development & Learning Center

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Re: Support for Article 5, Section 5 – Refundable State Child Tax Credit (\$325 per child)

My name is Adry Mendoza Carpio, and I am the Assistant Director at Genesis Child Development & Learning Center. Our organization provides high-quality early learning programs and family support services to children from birth through preschool across Rhode Island. We are committed to supporting children's development and empowering families to provide stable, nurturing environments. I strongly support Article 5, Section 5 and the Right from the Start Campaign's priorities for funding childcare and early childhood programs in the state.

Passing this bill would have a meaningful impact on families with young children. Many families we serve face significant financial stress in meeting the costs of childcare, food, and educational resources. For example, parents often have to make difficult choices between covering childcare expenses and other essential needs. A refundable State Child Tax Credit of \$325 per child would provide direct financial relief, helping families afford basic necessities, reduce economic stress, and invest in their children's early development. This support is particularly critical during the early childhood years, when stable, enriched environments contribute to long-term educational success, health, and well-being.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I respectfully urge the Committee to pass Article 5, Section 5 to support Rhode Island's children and families.

Sincerely,

Adry Mendoz Carpio