



To: Senate Finance Committee

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

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Re: Support for S-2823 – Refundable State Child Tax Credit (\$650 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 in Rhode Island. We are committed to ensuring that every child has the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. I strongly support S-2823, the refundable State Child Tax Credit, and the Right from the Start Campaign's priorities for funding childcare and early childhood programs across the state.

Passing this bill would have a significant positive impact on families and children in Rhode Island. Many families we serve face high costs associated with raising young children, which can lead to financial stress and limit access to essential resources. For example, parents often struggle to cover childcare, healthy meals, and educational materials while maintaining stable employment. A refundable State Child Tax Credit of \$650 per child would provide direct financial support to families, helping them afford basic needs, reduce economic stress, and invest in their children's development. This support is particularly critical in the early years, when economic stability has long-term benefits for children's learning, health, and overall well-being.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I respectfully urge the Committee to pass S-2823 to support Rhode Island's children and families.

Sincerely,

Adry Mendoz Carpio