

Chair Pugh,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced working draft.

Our Early Care and Learning Task Force met this afternoon to discuss it, and we wish to reiterate that our members believe this is a vitally important step in the right direction and we encourage you and the Committee to continue developing the legislation. We believe this is an important investment in economic development. At this time, it is our understanding that the Committee has not yet received any input from Joint Fiscal Office, and so answers to our questions relative to revenues and total cost of this package are not yet known.

The Roundtable will continue to be substantively engaged as this bill makes its way through the appropriate committees of jurisdiction.

Thank you for your leadership on this and other issues affecting the welfare of Vermonters.

Cheers, LV

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