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Remarks:

My name is Sean Larkin, I am the CEO of Onlogic. We are one of the largest employers in the state, a global technology business. We have about 300 employees and growing. As a business owner and a single father of three I understand having to balance starting a business and raising a family. I've heard the notion that this is only an issue that impacts people who have children. I 100% disagree with this. If you own a business, wouldn't you like more individuals in your community with money in their pocket to spend at your business? We also have so many companies that can't fill their jobs because people don't have child care. There's also an idea that because people can work remotely, this isn't an issue. That's also not true. So many people need to be on site to work. Technological advances will not solve this problem. I have had many conversations with people who would love to work, but they can't because their paycheck is lower than the cost of child care. If someone has to stay home with children, their earnings potential is delayed because they spend years away from their craft, and that is very hard to come back from. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a business community get behind this solvable issue.