



LONG ISLAND FEDERATION OF LABOR, AFL-CIO

February 20, 2019

Honorable Carl Heastie
Legislative Office Building 932
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Speaker Heastie:

I am urging you to support the legislative priorities of the New York Union Child Care Coalition (NYUCCC). Please advocate for working parents by preserving their access to quality affordable child care.

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I am making the following request on behalf of New York City based Facilitated Enrollment Projects (administered by Consortium for Worker Education) and the upstate Facilitated Enrollment Projects (administered by Workforce Development Institute).

- \$12.5 million for the New York City based Facilitated Enrollment Projects
- \$12.5 million for the Upstate Facilitated Enrollment Projects
- Additionally, we recommend increasing the income threshold to 300% of the federal poverty level for the New York City based Facilitated Enrollment Projects and capping family co-pays at a maximum of 17.5% of household income for participants at or above 200% the federal poverty level in the Facilitated Enrollment Projects in upstate Counties.

The above investment would maintain current enrollment levels and allow expansion in existing projects, and **permit growth to additional catchment areas in Nassau, Suffolk, and Richmond.**

- It is critical that New York State also increase investment to stabilize the child care workforce and infrastructure.

Thank you for your continuing advocacy on behalf of New York's working families. Please do not let this unique project sunset.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
188 State Street Room 907
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Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins:

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The Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

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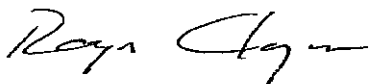
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