

## BOILERPLATE LETTER TO THE EDITOR (LTE)

To the editor:

As a [ROLE (e.g., parent of young children, working parent, child care provider, social worker, advocate, etc.)], I [saw/experienced] firsthand how COVID-19 exacerbated our community's child care challenges. The pandemic pushed an already unstable industry to the brink, forcing widespread closures to early learning facilities all across the country - some of which had been around for decades.

[INSERT DETAILS ON CHALLENGE THAT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FACED PRE-PANDEMIC]

It is time that we, as a nation, confront and commit to resolving the child care challenges hindering many families' economic security, our children's long-term success, and the continued prosperity of America's economy. Making a substantial and sustained investment in America's child care and early learning system by approving the funding included in the American Families Plan will be a big step in the right direction. As Congress nears the upcoming August recess, members should do everything in their power to pass a significant, sustained investment in child care, and end America's child care crisis once and for all.