



May 22, 2019

Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
Senate President pro Tempore  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento CA 95814

Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento CA 95814

Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Chair  
Senate Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento CA 95814

Honorable Phil Ting, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento CA 95814

**2019-2020 BUDGET REQUEST**

Dear Senate pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rendon and Budget Chairs:

The Legislative Women's Caucus has long prioritized and fought for childcare increases through both our budget and policy priorities. We applaud the increased ongoing monies allocated by both houses, specifically improving access for California's working families.

We are pleased with both the Senate and Assembly's budget proposals related to the amount of childcare slots allocated, as it recognizes that alternative payment vouchers allow families to access childcare in a way that best fits their needs. In addition, both houses have given considerable fiscal attention to meeting one-time needs, such as facilities and workforce development.

We oftentimes say that children are our future, and the current budget proposals reflect those priorities. With each house identifying more than \$1 billion dollars to benefit early care and education, we remain committed to continuing this effort as a priority through to the final budget signed by Governor Newsom.

Sincerely,

Connie M. Leyva, Chair  
State Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> District

Monique Limón, Vice Chair  
Assemblymember, 37<sup>th</sup> District