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**Statement on Budget from Acting-Interim Chair, Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman and Vice Chair, Senator Connie M. Leyva**

SACRAMENTO – Today we advance a budget that provides greater opportunities for California’s working families. The two greatest increases in the 2018-19 budget help families rise up from the deepest levels of poverty and address access and workforce needs in our early learning community. We continued our commitment to childcare and, with this budget, have made great gains. Our state’s working families have shown great tenacity and resourcefulness to stay in the workforce, champion the needs of others and creatively meet the needs of their children. Though this budget does not fully fund the needs of children, their families, or the workforce, the fight is not over, but the positive direction gives us all a continued call to action.

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