



February 14, 2023

The Honorable Mayor Muriel Bowser  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser,

We are writing to thank you for your ongoing support of the District of Columbia's working families and future workforce and to ask for your continued leadership.

In particular, we greatly appreciate your including a "multi-pronged child care affordability initiative" in your recently released *DC's Comeback Plan*. This inclusion recognizes that child care and quality early learning is integral to the District's business infrastructure and economic well-being. It is essential for children's long-term development. And parents can't work, at home or in offices, without high-quality services that keep their children safe and learning.

We also believe that child care is critical to your important goal of bringing 15,000 new residents downtown. In the District and nationwide, thriving neighborhoods enable residents to live, work, and play in the same area. These booming communities need child care for residents--and the front-line employees who work there.

We need to make the District a talent magnet for working families and provide a good foundation for our next generation of learners and employees. This pivotal period in our history is indeed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build the community of the future. Quality, affordable child care and critical health services for children undergird all our future success.

We thank you for expanding your support of working families in *DC's Comeback Plan*. We ask that you continue implementing an equitable early education system that works for everyone. We look forward to supporting your leadership in making DC a world-class place to work, live and raise a family.

Best wishes.

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