

June 26, 2023

The Honorable Mayor Muriel Bowser
Executive Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser:

We thank you for your ongoing support of the District of Columbia's working families, young learners and business community, by recognizing the importance of early care and education in making the District a vibrant place to live, work and learn. We are especially pleased at your leadership in proposing expanding the child care subsidy so that 2,100 more working families can access quality care; ensuring there is sufficient funding in the Pay Equity Fund, which honors our commitment to ensuring early educators receive wages commensurate with their important work; and protecting other essential mental health and home visiting programs.

Thank you for recognizing that early care and education is an essential component of fulfilling your goal of 15,000 new residents, supporting both working parents and the front-line employees who are an integral part of a vibrant downtown.

We look forward to working with you to fulfill the commitment to DC's working parents, our future leaders, and the educators who give them a great start.

Sincerely,

Gregory McCarthy, Senior Vice President for Community Engagement, Washington Nationals Baseball Club

William Alsup, Senior Managing Director, Hines (retired)

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Aisha Bond, Esq., President and CEO, Greater Washington DC Black Chamber of Commerce

Antwanye Ford, President and CEO, Enlightened, Inc.

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