



March 15, 2022

Representative Dave Pinto
Chair, Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee
503 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Pinto and Members of the Committee:

The Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition (PN-3) is writing in support of HF 4278, which provides funding to the Department of Employment and Economic Development to conduct an early childhood education workforce study. This committee has repeatedly heard about challenges facing early childhood providers and organizations. A study will provide important information about the current workforce that can inform state, regional and local policies and practices that can stabilize the workforce.

Data from this study will complement findings from other early childhood efforts focused on quality of care, affordability of care, and access to care. It is important Minnesota has a full understanding of the different elements of this field impacting funding and policy decisions.

Please join us in supporting HF 4278.

Thank you,

Deb Fitzpatrick,
Children's Defense Funds-MN,
Co-Chair

Nancy Jost,
West Central Initiative,
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