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Representative Dave Pinto
Chair, House Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee

Chair Pinto and Members of the House Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of Think Small, we are writing in support of HF 150. We appreciate this effort early in session to address some of the most pressing and urgent needs of the child care field.

At Think Small we believe that a strong, equitable child care and early learning system not only benefits children, families, and early educators, but also keeps parents in the workforce, increases racial equity and strengthens the economy for everyone. That is why our nonprofit organization's Strategic Plan goal is that all children in Minnesota are ready for kindergarten. The targeted funding included in HF 150 will support more children to access quality early learning experiences to prepare them for kindergarten and life.

We especially appreciate the increased investments in Early Learning Scholarships. This will help more children access quality early care and education right now.

Thank you again for your work to support young children and families in Minnesota. This bill is a crucial first step in addressing quality child care needs throughout our state. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the session on long-term, sustainable solutions to support quality child care. Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



Barbara Yates
President and CEO, Think Small