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Chair, Taxes Committee  
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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Start Early Funders Coalition, we are writing for HF633, in support of lower costs for Licensed Family Child Care providers. This bill recognizes the important role of Licensed Family Child Care providers, who often provide the most affordable and accessible care for young children. Reducing the costs and providing incentives to operate this small business in their homes is an important step in lowering the cost of child care for families, and making high quality child care affordable across our State, and in particular in rural communities. Our vision as a Coalition is that every child in Minnesota is physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively prepared for school and lifelong success.

Child care providers are the backbone of our economy as the businesses that keep other businesses open and operating. Without child care, parents would be unable to work, businesses would close and communities would suffer. Since 2014, Minnesota has lost over 4,000 licensed family child care providers, and with family child care providers more likely to be outside of the Twin Cities metro, families in Greater Minnesota experience an even greater child care shortage. By creating programs that provide direct support to child care providers, as addressed in HF633, we hope to see the number of new child care providers increase, and stabilize providers in the field.

We support a robust early childhood system that gives children and families access to a continuum of high-quality child care and early learning programs. We must maintain and continue to grow equitable investments in critical early childhood programs based on ongoing community feedback and guidance.

Sincerely,

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Public Policy Committee