[Urging Congress to Incorporate House Resolution 7201 (Clark) - The Child Care Infrastructure Act into All Infrastructure Bills]

Resolution urging Congress to incorporate language contained in House Resolution 7201, The Child Care Infrastructure Act, authored by Congresswoman Katherine Clark, into all current and forthcoming infrastructure legislation.

WHEREAS, The early education sector has historically been undervalued and underfunded; and

WHEREAS, Lack of investments in infrastructure are rarely taken into account including renovation, repair and new development of early education facilities; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco of 81 centers serving low-income children, only 18 are owned and only 71% of family child care programs are owned; and

WHEREAS, In a high cost county, when operators do not own their facilities, they are at a disadvantage which makes the entire sector more vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, The pandemic has only exacerbated these challenges; and

WHEREAS, According to the Bipartisan Policy Center, 60% of child care programs may close as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Currently there are no existing dedicated federal sources of capital to help Early Care and Education providers achieve developmentally appropriate, well-designed facilities that adhere to health and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, On June 16, 2020, Congresswoman Katherine Clark introduced the Child Care is Infrastructure Act, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 7201 (H.R. 7201) is a bill that provides $10 billion in funding over the next 5 years to improve child care facilities and creates loan repayment and
scholarship programs to support higher education for child care educators and student parents; and

WHEREAS, The priority for the Child Care Infrastructure Act prioritizes acquiring, constructing, renovating, or improving child care facilities, including adapting, reconfiguring, or expanding facilities to respond to the COVID–19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2 - The Moving Forward Act, an infrastructure bill introduced by Democrats on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on June 22, 2020, and The Child Care for Economic Recovery Act, legislation introduced by the Appropriations and Ways & Means Democrats on June 25, 2020, both make comprehensive investments and infrastructure grants to stabilize the child care sector in the wake of COVID-19, which are hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 7201 also authorizes up to $35 million for education and workforce development investments including the option for a student loan repayment program; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 7201 also directs the Government Accountability Office to study the tax credit for employer-provided child care; and

WHEREAS, This bill reauthorizes the Child Care Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) grant program at $200 million to fund campus-based child care at institutions of higher education to better support parent students; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the Early Education would provide long-term sustainability of high-quality ECE facilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress to invest in early education including funding for infrastructure and child care facilities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Congress include language of H.R.7201 in all infrastructure bills and pass bills that currently include said language; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Congressman Richard Neal and Kevin Brady Chair, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Congressman Jimmy Gomez, and Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee, Chair Danny Davis and Ranking Member Jackie Walorski of the Worker and Family Support Sub-committee, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Chairmen of the Education and Labor Committee Congressman Bobby Scott, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Chair, Congressman Gregorio Killili Camacho Sablan, and the House Democratic Caucus.
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July 14, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/14/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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