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The Honorable Rob Portman  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Portman,

I am asking you to financially support child care as Congress considers its response to the coronavirus pandemic. Specifically, I hope you'll vote to dedicate substantial emergency funding via the Child Care and Development Block Grant program to assist child care providers.

Child care providers are essential businesses, and their employees are essential workers. Without safe and sufficient child care capacity, Ohio companies will not be able to successfully re-open, and workers will not be able to get back on the job. Given the new health regulations that are necessary to keep children and child care workers safe, providers need financial support. And states need latitude and flexibility to design rapid response emergency financial help that will ensure this critical industry is there for children, workers and employers.

Many workers can't do their jobs from home. Many entry-level workers barely could afford child care before their employers were forced to close. Now, with costs at child care programs going up to keep children and staff safe, many families may conclude they can't afford to work!

Ohioans are eager to get our economy up and running again. Now more than ever, we know that won't happen without sufficient affordable and quality child care.

Sincerely,



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