



FCCI along with other early education organizations do not support the proposed Universal Pre-K plan. The majority of early education organization and leaders support investing in targeted funding for children at most risk. FCCI encourages sending your own personal letter or using talking points from the sample letter below.

Sample Omnibus Bill letter (copy and paste) and email members on this page:

Date:

Dear Education Finance Bill Conference Committee Chairs and members,

I am a licensed family child care provider from _____ Minnesota and have been providing care and education for Minnesota's early learner for _____ years. I do not support the proposed Universal Pre-K.

1. Universal Pre-k excludes small businesses like family and center child care from millions in government funds. Universal Pre-k is a schools-only government monopoly that excludes proven child care providers from participation.

(Note: School Districts are technically allowed to share with non-school programs, but the fact is that 97% of them are not doing so currently.)

2. Moving 4-year olds out of child care will put many quality child care providers out of business. It's very difficult to remain in business without 4-year-olds in the mix. And if child care providers go out of business because of losing 4-year olds, who will provide care to younger children in our community?

3. Parents face a child care shortage now. When child care providers are forced out of business by the schools-only monopoly the current child care crisis will be further exacerbated.

4. Resources need to be targeted to help our highest risk children as soon as possible through Early Learning Scholarships, Pathway 2 Early Learning Scholarships and home visiting programs.

Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

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