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RE: SUPPORT of AB SB 528: Care and treatment of dependent children and dependent parents

Dear Senator Yee,

On behalf of the California Alternative Payment Program Association (CAPPA) and the membership of public and private community based direct payers of early care and education child care subsidies for CalWORKs and working families, we support SB 528.

Alternative Payment Programs (APPs) have been serving each of California's 58 counties since 1978. Each APP is uniquely positioned to meet the cultural, linguistic and diversity needs of fragile populations needing early care and education for children from birth on while parents move towards self sufficiency. The safety net of support and information our agencies provide to working families ensures that parental choice determines the provider of early care and education that best supports the needs of the family. Our collective goal is to strike a balance where both the educational needs of our earliest learners are met immediately as well as contribute to longer term educational attainments; **and** that the self-sufficiency of parents to support their families is realized.

Our agencies are on the front line supporting fragile working families and children. We know that parenting minor and nonminor dependents entering via the welfare system lack a coordinated long term safety net of support to move them to self-sufficiency and hopefully longer term success. We see your legislation as enforcing a safety net where children who now are in the position of raising children, need immediate access and support of early care and education of their children if a cycle of poverty is ever to be broken.

For the reasons noted above, CAPPA supports your bill, SB 528. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Denyne M. Micheletti'.

Denyne M. Micheletti
Executive Director

