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March XX, 2023

The Honorable [Senator/Assemblymember First Name Last Name], Chair

Senate/Assembly Committee Name

Street Address, Suite XX

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Assembly Bill 1038 (Reyes) – California State Preschool Programs: Expulsion**

Dear Chair [Last Name]:

On behalf of [ORGANIZATION], I write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 1038 (Reyes), which would modify the existing requirement that CDSS withdraw all citations or civil penalties imposed on a child daycare facility that presents evidence that the facility was in the process of complying with certain expulsion or suspension processes within 30 days.

[ONE TO TWO SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION]

California State Preschool Program (CSPP) contractors are prohibited from expelling or disenrolling a child due to a child’s behavior, except under specific circumstances, and only when CSPP contractors have followed specific steps aimed at reducing unwarranted suspensions or expulsions. State law permits CDSS to issue citations or civil penalties when a child daycare facility violates the law, and facilities may appeal any citation or civil penalty. Finally, CDSS is required to withdraw all citations or civil penalties upon presentation of the evidence that the facility was in the process of complying with current law.

CDSS has the authority to issue citations or civil penalties against child daycare facilities that fail to comply with these processes. Further, state law permits facilities to appeal these citations or civil penalties if the facility can demonstrate that it was in the process of complying with the necessary processes and procedures.

We urge you to support AB 1038, which would alleviate the financial pressure on childcare facilities by placing a timeframe of 30 days on the requirement that CDSS withdraw citations or civil penalties upon presentation of evidence that a facility was in the process of complying with statutorily required steps of a suspension or expulsion.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

[ORGANIZATION NAME]