



NOVEMBER 2023 LAWMAKER PHONE CALL SCRIPT

Hello, I'm -----, a constituent from CITY/STATE.

I'm calling to urge (Lawmaker's Name) to protect and prioritize child care as they make decisions about funding the government.

Investing in child care is an investment in families, in the workforce, and in communities.

Child care keeps our communities working. Many families depend on childcare, and it's expensive. According to a recent Child Care Aware of America report, the national annual average price of child care in 2022 was \$10,853, which would take 10% of a married couple's median income and 33% of a single parent's median income to be able to afford.

**(INCLUDE A PERSONAL STORY: How has the rising cost of child care impacted your family?
OR How has the rising cost of child care impacted your program?)**

Increased federal investment over the past few years has been a lifeline for the child care system. Without continued support, the future of the child care system will remain unpredictable for providers and families.

I urge (Lawmaker's Name) to ensure the government continues operating and pass a full-year funding bill that protects and prioritizes funding increases for child care and early learning programs =.

Families, educators, and communities are counting on you. Thank you.

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*Script courtesy of Child Care Aware of America

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