



September 13, 2017

The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

The First 5s of California applaud you and Representative Scott for your bold vision outlined in the newly introduced Child Care for Working Families Act. All families in California need and deserve affordable, high-quality child care and preschool in the crucial first five years of a child's life, when the building blocks of future success mirror the building blocks on the preschool floor.

The Child Care for Working Families Act would fund an affordable, high-quality child care system for all working families, and acknowledges the value of "first teachers" by paying a fair wage.

On behalf of the First 5s of California, we are proud to endorse this bill and look forward to working with Congress on this expanded federal partnership to give our children a high-quality early education and keep American families working.

Sincerely,

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Moira Kenney, PhD
Executive Director
First 5 Association

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Camille Maben
Executive Director
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