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**Home Grown's Statement on the Child Care for Working Families Act**

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA) reintroduced the Child Care for Working Families Act (CCWFA). Home Grown endorses this historic legislation that would make long overdue and much-needed investments in our nation's child care system.

Across the U.S. there is an urgent need for transformational change of our child care system, and CCWFA is an important step in addressing long standing issues and challenges for providers and parents. We thank Senator Murray and Congressman Scott for their continuing efforts to address the lack of available, affordable and high-quality child care that allows children to learn and grow with early childhood caregivers in family child care, centers, Head Start and school-based preK that are compensated and supported while parents attend school or work.

The current state of the field is precarious, and we look forward to working with Congress to ensure that the vision laid out in CCWFA engages and supports child care providers across all settings to facilitate parent choice and resolve the child care crisis faced by so many families.

We applaud the bill authors' intent that this legislation lift up all child care providers and support families in accessing their preferred form of safe, high quality care.

Inclusion of all child care providers in a seamless, adequately funded system is not just an important value; it is an essential element of an equitable, effective approach to building a child care system that works for all.

We look forward to working with Congress, the Administration and state leaders to ensure that all home-based child care providers, including family child care providers and family, friend, and neighbor caregivers, are able to engage in the system created by CCWFA and receive the investment and wage support they need.

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