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Dear Minister,

Re: Province to Provide 24,000 More Children with Access to Care in 2017-2018

The Ontario Council of CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) is very pleased to see this latest development to assist families accessing early learning and child care, and the plan for subsidies for approximately 60% of these spaces. Along with this is a commitment to “work with families and experts in the coming months to develop a child care affordability strategy that will identify further measures that could lower costs and support parents.”

Our organization started at the turn of the last century to support women getting an education - at that point university training was primary. Women have flocked to post-secondary education over the past years. It is now our challenge to help women use that education. As child care is one of the major hurdles, we commend you for this.

CFUW Ontario Council has joined with the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care to support their 3 Big Ideas on Child Care: making child care more affordable, decent wages and working conditions, and a limit on for-profit child care.

Ontario Council is a voluntary, self-funded, non-profit organization, affiliated the Canadian Federation of University Women, with 54 chapters across Ontario, whose members are interested and involved in public policy issues, especially those dealing with education, women and girls.

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Thank you,  
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