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My name is Asia, and I am a parent of two children, ages 3 and 8. I am also a childcare provider in Portland, Oregon. As a resident of Oregon, I am here today to express my strong support for investing in the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program.

As a parent, having access to ERDC has allowed me to invest in growing my business while ensuring that my kids are receiving high quality and culturally competent childcare.

As a provider, I believe that investing an additional \$500 million dollars in ERDC is crucial to stabilizing the entire child care marketplace. By doing so, we can ensure that more families have access to affordable and high-quality child care options, regardless of their income level. ERDC provides critical support to child care providers like myself, helping us stay afloat in the complex child care system and providing resources to improve our services.

I urge you to invest an additional \$500 million dollars in ERDC. This critical funding will not only benefit families like mine but also support the entire child care ecosystem, ensuring that all parents have access to affordable and high-quality child care options. By investing in ERDC, we can create a more stable and equitable child care system that benefits everyone.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Asia Perry