



August 17th, 2023

Kathy Hochul
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

Rise is writing this in support of The Empire State Campaign for Child Care's advocacy for high quality, universal child care for all children and New York families. Every parent, family, and/or guardian should be able to access free child care regardless of outstanding factors such as employment, income, or immigration status.

Currently, parents only have a short window of time, before and after work, for commuting to pick up their child(ren). We support that parents should be able to access child care regardless of the hours worked.

Universal child care is for the betterment of the child and the family and every child care provider or educator deserves a thriving wage with adequate benefits.

As an organization for and by impacted parents, Rise is extending our support and encouraging the signing of **Bill S.5327A/A.4986A** - to decouple child care assistance from parents' work hours, into law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rise