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Childcare Senate submission

My name is Sara Landriault and I am the President of the National Family Childcare Association. We are an international group but mainly based in Canada. Our policy is focused on the Canadian laws but can easily be introduced into an Australian system.

Our view is simple "fund the child".

Our policies are as follows,

PRIMARY ADVOCACY

Family Tax Fairness to be adopted by the Finance Minister of Canada
(Income Splitting)

Long Term Advocacy

- Parental choice should be available through financial equalization factors and taxation by way of a model of a childcare benefit voucher system similar to the Australia model recognizing the four parental choices of: parent/partner/guardian in the family home; care by a relative; regulated private-home day care; licensed day home, child care centre, nursery school or preschool/kindergarten facility. The signatories agree that parental choice is the cornerstone for all decisions
- Taxation must view the family unit as a whole and follow a 'family taxation' policy giving stay-at-home families and single parents the opportunity to equalize taxation and must also allow families of dual income to income splitting. All policies must be voluntary to family perspective.
- All tax credits must be provided for provisions for equalization of all parents regardless of parental choice in childcare.
- Governments must separate funding parental childcare choice initiatives from capital funding plans, thereby demonstrating the necessity to address childcare in both contexts.
- Expansion of licensed childcare spaces should follow the model established in Nova Scotia (circa 2007) with low cost loans and cost-sharing grant, encouraging the development of both commercial and non-profit programs licensed programs. This model provides credible accountable use of taxpayer money and expands parental choice options.

Increasingly stay at home parents are being treated like second hand citizens because of the "privacy law" in Canada, and the decreased

amount on how the government treats them.

Tax laws, credit departments, banks and even the Revenue Canada Agency does not recognize parenting at home as a economic value and constantly decreases the value of a parent when taxes are raise,and credit are added.

Tax laws

Mortgages

Bank Accounts

Credit Bureaus

Hydro Smart meter

Tax Credits

Resumes

Pensions

Are just a few problems parents at home face and we must come together to alleviate the strain on parents just because they childcare their own children.

Parents who use daycares are also finding financial restraint due to over prices costs and unavailable childcare spaces across Canada.

Moms, dads, grandparents, neighborhood care, friends, centers, are all childcare to us. We need to stand together and work with any government to ensure our children's need are met.

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Thank you,

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