

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to express my concerns for this Bill.

The funding only goes to a select number of child care centres and other childcare workers. I believe this will significantly disadvantage child care centres and child care workers that are not selected. As a result these centres will have to increase their fees to parents to recover costs to pay the equivalent wages to their child care workers. If the child care workers are not selected for a pay increase and the centre is reluctant to give it, it will create discontent amongst the child care workers in the industry and will result in loss of staff. Union representatives have been visiting centres to sign staff up for union representation stating that they will have more of a chance receiving the funding if they are a union member. They are stating that centres have to have 60% of their total staff signed up to have a chance at this funding. Most of the child care workers cannot afford the \$500 a year union fees. I feel this is wrong. I believe that all workers should have a funded pay increase not just a select few.

Please consider my views on this very important issue.

Regards,

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