Dear Friend,

As Congress considers a stimulus package to breathe life into our pandemic recovery, it must include significant stabilization funding for an industry on the brink of collapse. Without a healthy, safe child care industry, parents will be unable to return to work, threatening their families' economic well-being and our nation's recovery.

The success of our nation returning to work and reviving our economy is wholly dependent on the success of our child care industry. As policymakers weigh the scope of a recovery package, they should consider the life and economic altering implications of even small amounts of funding for this industry.

We will continue to make it through this together.

Mark B. Lawson, Esq.
President/CEO
Community Action Agency

Moira Weir, Chara Fisher Jackson, and Mark Lawson

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Early Childhood education

For more than two decades, United Way of Greater Cincinnati has invested heavily in early education, supporting child care in low-income communities and helping families as they work toward stability.

But the impact of the pandemic on early education has been significant:

- Lower enrollment rates
- Less revenue
- Increased expenses

The success of our nation returning to work and reviving our economy is wholly dependent on the health, safety, and stability of child care. Congress should include a comprehensive benefits package to help the child care industry. Child care workers need stabilization funding to help cover the rent and utility costs for eligible Hamilton County families affected by the pandemic. Hamilton County Commissioners are teaming up with the Freestore Foodbank, Talbert House, and CAA to help cover the rent and utility costs for eligible Hamilton County families affected by the pandemic. Hamilton County Commissioners are teaming up with the Freestore Foodbank, Talbert House, and CAA to help cover the rent and utility costs for eligible Hamilton County families affected by the pandemic.

We also understand that there are parents who rely on our programs, and we keep this at the forefront of our minds in all of our decision-making. I, along with my colleagues Moira Weir, President of United Way, and Chara Fisher Jackson, CEO of Preschool Promise, came together to write an opinion piece on the value of Early Childhood Education in our community and how we can make a difference.

The United States has been behind the world in funding our Head Start programs in critical years. Congress must invest in these programs to ensure that our country continues to lead the world in early education.

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CARES Rental & Utility Relief Program
Rent & Utility Relief Program (2936 Colerain Ave.). Our next mobile food pantry will be on Thursday, August 13 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come see what our Cincinnati-Hamilton County Head Start program has to offer during our Head Start Virtual Open House this Thursday, August 13 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meet our staff, tour our facilities and learn more about Head Start! You can join our live virtual open house @CincinnatiHeadStart.

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Tech Works Program Live Info Session
Join Community Action Agency's Career Pathways team for a live information session on Tech Works Program Live Info Session Thursday, August 13 at 2 p.m. to discuss our TechWorks program, how to enroll, and career opportunities for those who want to earn the CompTIA A+ Certification. You can view this live information session online here.

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Mobile Food Pantry
A special thank you to Congressman Steve Chabot for volunteering at our mobile food pantry this week at (2936 Colerain Ave.). Our next mobile food pantry will be on Thursday, August 13.

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Healthy, safe child care industry

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