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Dear 2021-22 Board,

I am writing to acknowledge the last advocacy action that was taken by this body. We signed the [Common Start Coalition](#) petition supporting the “significant “ new funding found in *An Act to Expand Access to High-Quality, Affordable Early Education and Care*, H.4795/S.2883. If the State Legislature passes this bill and the Governor signs, it will greatly improve the Commonwealth’s early education and childcare system.

This was done with the understanding that this is a priority for the LWVN, LWVMA, and LWVUS.

1. Our 2022-23 program plan supports childcare, in a way it has not done so in a very long time.
2. This is supported by the LWVMA [Testimony submitted to the Joint Committee on Education, November 23, 2021](#)
3. Childcare is a priority issue for LWVUS. This reference can be found in [Impact on Issues, A Guide to Public Policy 2020-2022](#).

Thank you for approving the signing of this important petition so quickly.

Sincerely,

*Marcia Johnson*

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