



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1335</b>		DATE: <b>3/7/2023</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Children and Families</b>			
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**We are in support. We wish the tax credit was refundable.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN GAMBLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MATT MORROW</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-862-5567</b>
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Chairman Kelly and members of the House Committee on Children and Families: On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our 1500-member businesses, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 1335. Developing the workforce is the key to the state's economic growth. Finding trained workers to meet demand continues to be the top issue facing employers. And in addition to providing individuals with opportunities for education and training, working to address barriers that keep qualified individuals out of the work force is another important piece of the puzzle. A significant contributor to these ongoing workforce challenges is the lack of accessible, quality and affordable childcare options. This issue was especially highlighted and exacerbated by the pandemic as a significant number of primary caregivers left the workforce due to childcare needs. The Chamber supports efforts to develop innovative solutions to workforce barriers, and the creation of the childcare tax credits in HB 1335 offer one such solution to a challenge that is impacting the success of employees and employers. Furthermore, addressing childcare as a workforce barrier will likely positively impact several different areas, including increasing the economic growth opportunity of communities, enhancing the availability of skilled workers, encouraging additional wealth opportunities within families, and increasing talent and business attraction as access to a workfree is a top reason why Missouri loses out on economic development projects. We encourage your support of HB 1335 because of the positive impact it has on employers, employees, families and the economic growth of the state. This program will bolster talent attraction and retention efforts, grow our workforce pool, and help employees increase access to needed support for childcare. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Matt Morrow President and CEO Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 202 S John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SAMUEL H. LEE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-368-4242</b>	
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We encourage the Children and Families Committee to vote “do pass” on HB 1335, to allow working parents to benefit from a nonrefundable tax credit for the expenses incurred in paying for child-care – up to \$1,800 for children two and under and \$1,200 for three- to five-year-olds. This measure is consistent with conservative tax policies – going back to the 1950’s – and with current pro-life efforts. Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law the first federal childcare tax relief measure as part of the Internal Revenue Act of 1954. It established a statutory tax deduction for child and dependent care expenses. During the bill signing, President Eisenhower praised the tax reforms, saying: Working widows and many other mothers with child-care expenses will be able to deduct from their income up to \$600 a year for the costs of taking care of their children. That deduction was replaced in 1976 with the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, which was signed into law by Republican President Gerald R. Ford. In President Ford’s words, the tax credit was intended to help defray “expenses for household or dependent care services necessary for gainful employment.” In 1988, candidate George H. W. Bush promised childcare assistance for those in need. As president, he proposed childcare legislation – which he signed into law in 1990 – and later stated that it provided: Maximum parental – not government – control over child care. Eligible parents may choose their own child care arrangements, whether by relatives, neighbors, child care centers in religious institutions, or others [including through] a larger tax credit for families with two or more children. During the 2016, presidential campaign Donald Trump promoted a robust tax relief plan for the childcare expenses of working parents, and his campaign noted that the plan would be more practical and provide more flexibility than a one-size-fits-all plan: Mr. Trump’s plan will [allow working parents] to choose the child care scenario that’s in their best interest. ... Hillary Clinton prefers institutional child care that does not meet the needs of workers in rural areas or who have schedules that require working on a night shift or on call. The Trump plan would give states the flexibility to establish standards that fit the needs of state residents without compromising quality. Making the case for tax relief for parents paying for childcare, Alan D. Viard, resident scholar for federal tax and budget policy at the American Enterprise Institute, wrote in 2017: The economic case for tax relief for child care costs is straightforward. If workers are taxed on their wages, they should receive tax relief for the costs they incur to earn the wages, just as businesses deduct the costs of earning the income on which they pay tax. There can be little doubt that child care costs are tied to work. Common sense suggests, and statistical studies confirm, that making child care cheaper encourages parents to enter the labor force. HB 1335 is consistent not only with providing tax relief for working families, but also with the conservative principle of parental choice in childrearing. And as pro-life economist Abby McClosky argues: The pro-life community should help to ensure that at-risk children have access to high quality care situations, in the home and outside of it.” (“Without Roe, the GOP must take responsibility

to care for more babies,” Dallas Morning News, Dec. 3, 2021)



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**I am Opposed to these Tax-Credits. We are giving away Our State with Tax-Credits for every cause.  
When will the Giveaways STOP?**