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WITNESS NAME: DAVID WINTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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Needed legislation .			



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The Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, strongly support increased access to high quality childcare and early childhood opportunities.



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Chairman Kelly, Vice-Chairman Hausman, Ranking Minority Member Unsicker and Members of the Committee: Thank you to Representative Shields for sponsoring HB 870 and for the opportunity to provide testimony to the Committee regarding this legislation. Aligned is a not-for-profit organization comprised of business leaders committed to improving Missouri's education system through advocacy, outreach, and investment. Our mission is to amplify the business voice to improve childhood outcomes and workforce readiness in Missouri. We envision a state where all children are raised to be curious, eager learners prepared to seek the future of their choice. HB 870 authorizes the "Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act", the "Employer-Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act", and the "Child Care Providers Tax Credit", relating to tax credits for child care. Aligned appreciates Representative Shields' leadership on this initiative and supports this legislation. HB 870 includes language that creates \$60 million in tax credits designed to incentivize financial support to reduce costs for child care providers. The median household income in Missouri is \$61,043. The average price of center-based care in Missouri for one child is \$5,600 per year. That equates to nearly 10 percent of a working parent or parents' income. However, low-income parents spend approximately 28 percent of their income on center-based care. Despite the high cost of child care, providers generally operate on thin margins and struggle to provide high quality at an affordable price. In addition, labor force participation often relies on a parent's ability to access reliable, quality care. And Missouri's economy relies on a healthy and productive workforce. This legislation will incentivize taxpayers to offer financial support to child care providers to help improve the child care quality and access for Missouri working families. We encourage the Missouri General Assembly to support HB 870. Respectfully submitted, Linda Rallo Vice-President and Director of Policy Aligned (314) 330-8442 linda@wearealigned.org



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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 870, sponsored by Representative Brenda Shields. 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 870 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 870 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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The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is in support of HB 870.



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY GIDDENS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6205	
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Associated Industries of Missouri supports the Employer Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit that provides financial assistance to employers that help provide child care for employees.



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While many people consider accessibility to childcare to be primarily a workforce issue, it is also a pro-life issue. As University of Notre Dame law professor O. Carter Snead and Harvard University law professor Mary Ann Glendon wrote in a Washington Post op-ed in June soon after the Dobbs decision: The Supreme Court’s decision to return abortion regulation to our legislative branches is welcome and long overdue. For the culture of life movement, it is also just the beginning. ... Abortion is a gruesome symptom of our collective failure to take care of one another. This means that, alongside our efforts to protect the unborn, we must act decisively to address the wide range of issues – from poverty to lack of support from fathers – that lead women to choose abortion in the first place. Many pro-lifers (self-described “conservatives, moderates and liberals”) recently signed a statement to promote public policy initiatives “to eliminate or reduce the significant economic and social pressures that we know drive women to seek abortion in the first place,” and included among the six-point agenda: • Affordable childcare options that support working parents, without disincentivizing the choice to raise young children at home that many families say they would prefer. (“Building a Post-Roe Future,” Jan. 19, 2023. I was one of the signers.) And Ingrid Delgado, a policy adviser for the Office of Domestic Social Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said recently that quality childcare should be a key part of the church’s pro-life work after the overturning of Roe – with policy details that need to be worked out – including funding, and the religious liberty of faith-based providers that would accept government funds. (“Affordable child care key component of post-Roe response, advocates say,” Catholic Review, Feb. 5, 2023.) The pro-life rationale for these measures is clear. Missouri’s pregnancy centers and maternity homes have long found that lack of affordable, accessible childcare (along with lack of housing and transportation) is one of the top reasons pregnant women consider having abortions. And for those moms who do give birth, it is difficult for those pro-life agencies to help find and/or subsidize child-care for them. These two survey results confirm the experiences of pregnancy centers and maternity homes: 1. One recent survey of over 3,000 U.S. parents found that: Most families aren’t having more children because of the cost, or lack of availability of child-care. When we asked, “Would you like to grow your family, but can’t/are hesitant to because of the cost/availability of childcare,” 61% of respondents said yes. 2. A second recent survey of women in the United Kingdom “found that 60.5% say that the cost of childcare influenced their decision to have an abortion and 17.4% of women said that childcare costs were the main reason they chose to have an abortion.” We encourage the House Children and Families Committee to consider a variety of initiatives to assist families with childcare – with the caution set forth in last month’s Building a Post-Roe Future statement: We realize that not every government has the fiscal capacity to enact every measure that might reduce abortion, and that these policies must be carefully crafted to empower families without disincentivizing work or promoting unhealthy

dependence on government.



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There are many issues with our child care system. The financial burden placed on families can often be unworkable for budgets. The annual rate for full-time care for an infant and preschool-aged child in Missouri is more than \$20,000. That's almost double what most families spend on housing, and a serious problem for young families who are just getting started in their career, and have limited earning potential. But, the overall cost is not actually the problem. In fact, the sector is significantly underfunded. Most programs operate on extremely thin profit margins — keeping their doors open by in thanks to the virtue of their staff who are often receiving poverty-level wages and little to no benefits. Child care is difficult and labor intensive work. Young children, especially infants require a great deal of care. A quick glance at the current regulated ratios will show you that it takes approximately twice as many staff to provide early childhood services. We support HB 870 as it could inject much-needed funds into the sector and encourage employer investment.



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I am Opposed ton this Tax-Credit. The \$70,000,000 Fiscal Note is VERY Concerning!