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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Subject Urgent Call for Reform: Respect Provincial Jurisdiction in Federal-Provincial Child Care Agreements

We, the undersigned, write to you as a coalition of provincial leaders, stakeholders, and advocates united under the banner of the Association of Alberta Child Care Entrepreneurs (AACE). We are leading a national movement to reform the Federal - Provincial Early Learning and Child Care agreements. The current system comes at a great cost, with thousands of families on waitlists and financial instability among just a few of the issues it has created. #AtWhatCost are we allowing this to continue?

Our Ask

We demand that the federal government respects provincial jurisdiction by modifying the current funding within the agreements to simple envelope funding—without strings attached—for the provinces to spend on these key priorities:

1. Affordability: Make childcare more affordable for families.
2. Quality: Enhance the quality of childcare services.
3. Accessibility: Increase childcare accessibility.

Provinces are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs of their constituents, involving operators, Early Childhood Educators (ECEs), and families in the process. Federal mandates should not dictate how these funds are allocated. It's time to respect provincial jurisdiction and empower provinces and their families, ensuring a sustainable, affordable, high-quality, and accessible childcare system for all Canadians.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the undersigned supporters attached.