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April 13, 2020

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director  
Department of Finance  
Room 1145, State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated April 10, 2020, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Section 36.00, Chapter 2, Statutes of 2020, of your intention to augment the *2019 Budget Act* to assist state and local governments in protecting the health and safety of the public and reducing the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Specifically, Item 6100-194-0001 is augmented by \$50 million for the California Department of Education to allocate to existing state subsidized child care providers to increase access to child care for essential workers and at-risk populations.

Given the severity of the COVID-19 crisis, I concur with the spending request. I respectfully request that the Department of Finance provide the JLBC with an update on whether or not the additional children served with the augmentation will be able to continue receiving child care beyond the current fiscal year. In anticipation of the additional \$339 million California will receive from the Child Care and Development Block Grant, I urge the Administration to develop a plan to increase the number of slots to care for children of essential workers and those with urgent child care needs. Additionally, I request that the administration provide updates at the May Revision on how the COVID-19 crisis has impacted the demand for and availability of child care across the state, as well as the administration's plan for ensuring child care providers remain open long term to serve the needs of the state's families.

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler

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April 13, 2020

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Holly J. Mitchell  
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee