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To whom it may concern & STEVE,

I have attached my letter that can be used as a voice in the community now or in the near future in the project #FundChildCare.

I am also parent and participant of the PLTI.



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#FundChildCare

My name is Guillermina Perez I am a single parent of three kids. I been a Merced resident for almost 3 years now. My #1 obstacle was childcare. I was a hairstylist at the time when I moved to Merced from the bay area. I was homeless at some point because I struggle to find childcare. Thanks to the staff at Head Start I was able to get my foot in the door to have access to childcare. I started with the homebased program, even though it was not fulltime childcare I am grateful we were able to fulfill my daughter developmental needs. As a team we set goals for myself and my daughter and eventually received full time childcare from ACCESS. Thanks to the staff that worked with me during this process I was able to make a change in my career. I am now a real estate agent and I have my toddler in full time daycare at Bear Country preschool. My two older kids don't have afterschool program, but they sure miss it. Childcare is very important for parents to strive and be successful in their careers. Childcare and after school's programs should be a priority to every county to support the growth of children and help them become successful individuals. Children need access to more activities that will develop different skills and the confidence they need. They are our future why not invest in them and into these programs.