

# PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED CHILDCARE AND EARLY LEARNING

We, the undersigned Citizens of Canada draw to the attention of the House the following:

**THAT, WHEREAS** Canada is one of only a few developed countries with no plan to provide its children with early childhood education programs, and

**WHEREAS** although near the top of wealthy nations, Canada is rock-bottom in early learning and childcare (ELCC) spending and provision. It has among the lowest access to ELCC programs for 0-6 year olds, and according to UNICEF now ranks at the bottom of OECD countries for ELCC indicators,

**THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS** call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to ensure that all children living in Canada have access to excellent child care and early learning programs by implementing an affordable publicly-funded, publicly-delivered pan-Canadian child care program.

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## GUIDELINES

1. Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
2. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
7. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
8. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy.

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