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The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 900
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2806 (B. Rubio)- Support - Expulsion and Suspension Procedures in Early Learning and Care Programs

Dear Governor Newsom,

[YOUR NAME OR NAME OF ORGANIZATION] is writing to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 2806 (B. Rubio) and respectfully urge you to sign this bill into law. National data indicates that children are expelled, suspended, excluded from, and counseled out of early learning and care programs at much higher rates than in K–12 education and that African American, Black and Latinx children, especially boys, are disproportionately impacted by this practice. When children are excluded from early learning classrooms, they miss out on the opportunity to develop key social, emotional and academic skills.

California cannot continue to allow exclusionary measures that are counterproductive for our children by allowing early learning and care settings to exclude them at a time when they are most in need of support, care, and guidance.

AB 2806 would define suspension and expulsion in preschool and child care settings, eliminate exclusionary practices, and provide that suspension and expulsion only be used as a last resort in extraordinary circumstances where there are serious and documented safety concerns. The bill also provides early learning and care providers with early childhood mental health consultation services that help create inclusive and anti-bias environments, interactions, and experiences that buffer the effects of trauma and bring out the most optimal development of each unique child.

AB 2806 will help reduce the disparities in exclusionary practices for children in preschool and early care settings while ensuring California’s early learning and care system, administrators and teachers have the tools they need to begin correcting injustices. The bill will expand and strengthen access to early childhood mental health consultation services to empower and equip adults, including staff and families, within the early learning and care setting with skills to transform their practices, attitudes, implicit bias, behaviors, and interactions. This transformation builds the adults’ capacity and ability to promote the healthy development, deeper learning, and stronger social-emotional well-being of all young learners.

California’s Early Learning and Care Master Plan has set a goal to strengthen programs and services to support children’s learning and development, by increasing equitable treatment of children through severely diminishing the use of suspensions and expulsions. This bill passed the entire legislative

process with bi-partisan support and no “no” votes. For these reasons, **[YOUR NAME OR NAME OF ORGANIZATION]** supports AB2806 and respectfully urge you to sign AB2806 (Rubio).

Sincerely,

[YOUR FULL NAME]
[YOUR TITLE]
[YOUR ORGANIZATION]