

**Testimony in Support of Full Funding of Universal Child Care Programs
in New York State**

**For the hearing of the
Joint Budget and Legislative Committees**

**Submitted to the
Human Services Committee**

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Dear Chairwoman Senator Liz Krueger, Chairwoman Assemblymember Helene E. Weinstein, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Annie Brinich and I am a parent residing in Brooklyn, NY. I am writing to strongly urge your full support and funding to deliver Universal Child Care to New York State.

So a year and a half ago my partner and I found out that we were having twins and that was a huge surprise because we really only planned on having one kid. We knew right away that it was going to mean that one of us would stay home with the kids so one of us would be giving up our career and it turned out to be my partner and the reason that he has to stay home with the kids is because child care costs are so high that we would be spending his entire income on child care.

I urge the full funding of a statewide 3K and Pre-K Guarantee, and 2- Care in New York City to tackle the issue of Child Care Affordability.

Sincerely,

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Submitted via New Yorkers United for Child Care (united4childcare.org)