

**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**

**February 03, 2026**

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

My name is Ashley Martinez, 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.

Paying for childcare can make it a little hard and tight when it comes to daily necessities, for my  
family. We budget everything and buy a lot of needs from dollar stores.

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,

Ashley Martinez

Brooklyn, NY

Submitted via New Yorkers United for Child Care ([united4childcare.org](http://united4childcare.org))