

**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 Laurie Donohue, and I am a parent residing in Goshen, NY. I am writing to strongly urge your full support and funding to deliver Universal Child Care to New York State.

My husband and I did everything we could to prepare for parenthood, including saving for childcare as it was important to me that I keep working. When our pregnancy turned into spontaneous twins, it was a real curveball. We live more paycheck-to-paycheck than I would like to and I am always afraid of our daycare closing and needing to find two spots in a panic.

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,

Laurie Conohue
Goshen, NY
Submitted via New Yorkers United for Child Care (united4childcare.org)