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April 13, 2020

The Honorable Director Mark Ghilarducci  
Director of Office of Emergency Services  
3650 Schriever Ave  
Mather, CA 95655

## **Re: Support for Monterey County Child Care Providers Request for Health and Hygiene Supplies**

Dear Director Ghilarducci:

Among the numerous disruptions caused by COVID-19 in our State, I believe the impacts on our child care providers has been especially deep. It is imperative that there is support for child care providers who fill a critical need in caring for children of parents who carry out the essential work in our community. These child care providers need the health and hygiene supplies necessary to keep their places of operation clean and protect the health of the many children and adults who will occupy those spaces.

In the wake of COVID-19, child care workers continue to go to work as they face an increased demand for service as schools have ended early due to COVID-19 and left parents scrambling for child care options. The population they serve will be from all walks of life, employees who work in high risk fields such as healthcare, which creates new challenges for child care providers. In order to continue to flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases, it is important that the people who are most exposed to others have health and hygiene supplies to ensure safety.

Currently, child care providers have come together in Monterey county to work on addressing the issues providers will face. These efforts will include establishing sites throughout the county where providers can access health and hygiene supplies that will be vital to the health of all those at child care sites. Nonetheless, California is facing a massive shortage of Personal Protective Equipment as well as other hygiene supplies. Without those supplies, there is increased chance of infection at child care facilities. Further, many of the open facilities are within the providers homes, so it is doubly important that the conditions be sanitized as the provider lives there and will have increased exposure risk.

As these concerns compound and amplify as this virus continues to spread throughout the State, we must to take steps to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our most vulnerable populations. That is why I am supporting the request made by the Monterey County Emergency Medical Services Authority for the Office of Emergency Services to provide health and hygiene supplies for child care providers. These essential workers are continuing their duties of caring for one of our most vulnerable populations, increasing the chances of contracting COVID-19. It is vital that providers have access to supplies to reduce the spread of infection to the providers themselves and the essential workers they serve. I respectfully urge the approval of this request.



Should there be any questions about my request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (831) 673-9499.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish, and a second 'R' followed by a horizontal line.

ROBERT RIVAS  
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