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Senator Merv Riepe, Chair
Members of the Health and Human Services Committee
Nebraska Unicameral Legislature

RE: LB284

Chairman Riepe and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support of LB284.

At First Five Nebraska, our work is focused on efforts that narrow the achievement gap for the 64,729 children ages 0-5 across our state most at risk of failing in school. Our work is driven by neuroscience and data, and a commitment to policies that are evidence-based, cost-efficient and demonstrate strong accountability to Nebraska taxpayers.

We appreciate Senator Riepe's efforts to require national criminal history checks, as set forth in the federal reauthorization, for potential licensees under the Child Care Licensing Act. Parents should feel confident their children are receiving quality early learning experiences in a safe environment and from qualified adults. LB 284 provides an important level of accountability for Nebraska's licensed child care providers receiving state dollars.

First Five Nebraska encourages your support for LB284.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Monson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Monson, Policy Associate
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