



February 23, 2022

Senator John Arch, Chair  
Members of the Health and Human Services Committee  
Nebraska Legislature

RE: LB1107

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

Good afternoon. My name is Adam Feser and I am a policy advisor at First Five Nebraska. First Five Nebraska is an early childhood policy organization dedicated to supporting policies that promote quality care and learning experiences for Nebraska's youngest children. I want to thank Senator Day for introducing LB1107 and the committee members for your time and attention on early childhood issues.

As you have heard from the child care providers who testified before me, providers serving children who utilize the child care subsidy face unique challenges that can make it difficult to operate their businesses. Research demonstrates that access to quality care is particularly important for the development of children who are eligible for the child care subsidy, so it is vital that quality providers are willing to serve these children. Delinking provider reimbursement from occasional absences removes one of the biggest barriers faced by child care providers who accept the subsidy, ensuring that revenue from the child care subsidy is reliable. LB1107 gives us the chance to show our commitment to these providers now and into the future.

I appreciate committee members taking the time to learn more about this issue. If you have any questions, I will do my best to answer them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Feser".

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