

HB 993 Child Care Capital Support
Revolving Loan Fund - Established
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Position: SUPPORT

Good Afternoon, my name is Rebecca Hancock, I am the Vice-President of Public Policy for the Maryland State Family Child Care Association (MSFCCA). We represent approximately 4,440 family child care providers and 145 providers of large family child care homes in the state of Maryland. I would like to thank Delegate Atterbeary and the Committee for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 993.

Maryland is experiencing a child care crisis and this dramatically impacts working families and their attempts to locate quality child care for their children. There are not enough child care slots, especially for infants and toddlers. This bill would enable providers to access funding interest free and allow 5 years to pay the loan back in order to expand their existing programs; thereby adding much needed slots. Family Child Care Providers, potentially, could expand to a 4-Infant Home adding 2 more infants spots to their program or become a Large Family Child Care Home for up to 12 children which would allow the family child care provider to enroll an additional 4 children.

MSFCCA respectfully asks for a favorable vote on HB 993, the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund. This legislation will expand the number of child care slots and hopefully effectively help to combat the decline in child care; consequently, supporting the workforce in Maryland and helping children, families and communities.