



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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### **Rep. Brown Supports State Investment in Child Care**

MADISON - Today, Wisconsin Democrats introduced legislation to support state investments in the child care industry. After the introduction, Representative Brienne Brown (D-Whitewater) released the following statement:

“Everywhere I go in my district and throughout the state, the same concerns come up: the state needs to invest in child care. Continuing the Child Care Counts program is essential for Wisconsin. Child care costs the same as college tuition, and the wages for competent workers remain too low to retain staff. Moreover, this dilemma affects workers by putting their children on wait lists and forcing parents into untenable decisions like quitting their jobs. This is not only a childcare issue, this is a workforce issue. I have visited many child care providers in my district, and they have all said without Child Care Counts funding, they will have to raise rates, lay off staff, or close entirely.

“Republicans on the Joint Finance Committee rashly cut this popular and essential program from the Governor’s budget. We need to invest in child care, not just because of our children, but because Wisconsin’s workforce and economy depends on quality, affordable, and reliable providers.

“The time is now. Governor Evers’ funding depletes on June 30th. We do not have time to wait. I hope my colleagues across the aisle will join Democrats in investing in Wisconsin’s future by supporting this common-sense legislation.”

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