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Dear Councilmembers,

I am unfortunately traveling on Tuesday and unable to attend the upcoming meeting, but wanted to register my support for resolution 23-1094 to add a ballot question regarding city-wide early care and education subsidies. I serve as both Vice President for Government Relations at New Horizon Academy and as Government Relations Chair on the board of the Minnesota Child Care Association. Both organizations are longtime supporters of and participants in St. Paul's effort to create its own early learning solution for residents and endorse moving forward with the resolution to offer this opportunity to St. Paul voters on the November 5, 2024 ballot. While we worked hard to get major state level advances in this area during the last legislative session (and will continue our advocacy for additional early care & education funding at both the state and federal levels) Minnesota is still far from meeting all needs in this area, and the data are incredibly powerful about what an investment in quality early care and education birth to age 5 can do for children's, and communities', trajectory. A local option could supplement state and federal resources to further close the opportunity gap for thousands of St. Paul children not otherwise served.

Thank you,

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