**Sample letter from Independent Home Child Care Provider: Please modify as you see fit.**

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Premier’s Office

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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**DATE**

RE: Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan

Dear Premier Ford,

My name is **(insert name)** and I own and operate my own independent (unlicensed) home child care business. I am extremely concerned/angry/frustrated with regards to Ontario’s newly signed CWELCC agreement. Excluding the unlicensed sector from access to reduced rates (eventually resulting in an average of $10/day child care) excludes the majority of Ontario families and limits choice in child care for all families.

I believe that:

* Parents are competent and capable of making child care choices best suited to meet their family’s needs.
* Quality child care exists, and is exemplified, among all sectors.
* All children and families need to be valued and supported--not only those in the licensed system. Affordable child care needs to be available to all families.

The licensed child care sector cares for a maximum of 24.5% of Ontario Children 0-12 years old. This leaves more than 75% (approximately 1,500,000) of Ontario children 0-12 years old in the care of a parent, relative, or other independent (unlicensed) provider.

I ask you to amend this plan to make it truly universal—by including families who choose unlicensed child care. Having access to the CARE tax credit is not enough. All families deserve to benefit from the rate reductions eventually resulting in average child care fees of $10/day.

Again, most Ontario children are not part of the licensed child care system. Excluding these children, their families, and their child care providers from the plan will be detrimental to the child care sector and to the overall well-being and economic stability of the province --something Ontario voters won’t soon forget.

Sincerely,

**Your signature**

**Your name**

**Your address**

Dear Premier Ford,

My child is currently in the care of **(insert your name)** who offers a quality child care program focused on the needs of my child and our family. I stand by my unlicensed child care choice and want to be included in the new CWELCC plan for affordable child care. I am extremely unhappy with the inequitable details of this plan and implore you to make the necessary amendments so that all families can benefit from the rate reductions eventually resulting in average child care fees of $10/day.

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