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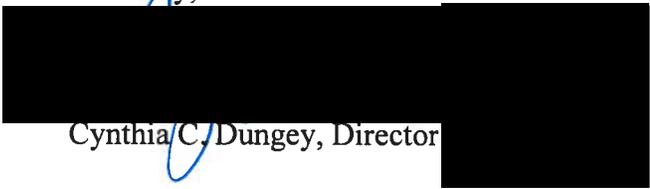
Dear Ms. Perrino:

On behalf of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, I would like to thank the members of the Child Care Advisory Council (CCAC) for the dedication and expertise you bring to the field of child care throughout Ohio. The department has reviewed the council's recommendations and would like to provide some information in response to your concern.

As you indicate in your letter, the Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) program has improved the quality of child care options for families in Ohio. Ohio recognizes these benefits for families and their children and is aggressively researching options to incentivize early care and education programs to participate in SUTQ. The recommendation from the CCAC will be considered as discussion continues to determine the best methods to incentivize programs to participate in SUTQ resulting in better outcomes for children.

I appreciate your recommendations presented to the department and look forward to a continued partnership to promote affordable, available quality child care for Ohio's children.

Sincerely,



Cynthia C. Dungey, Director

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