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Dear Child Care and Early Years Partners,

I am pleased to announce that our government has re-introduced new legislation, the Child Care Modernization Act, 2014, that would, if passed, set the foundation for a more responsive, high-quality and accessible child care and early years system, which serves Ontario’s children and families.

You may recall that in December 2013, our government first introduced this important bill to transform and modernize Ontario’s child care and early years system. The bill died on the order paper when Parliament was dissolved this past May.

The proposed legislation is consistent with the bill that we introduced in December 2013, containing minor revisions that are largely technical in nature with no significant impact on the scope or intent of the proposed Act.

The bill also includes amendments to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act, which were previously introduced in December 2013 under Bill 151, Strengthening and Improving Government Act, 2014, to support the implementation and use of the Ontario Education Number for postsecondary education.

For more details, a copy of the news release and background information can be found at http://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2014/07/child-care-modernization-act-1.html

The proposed legislation is available on the Legislative Assembly website and can be viewed at http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet=&BillID=3002

The transformative changes under this new proposed legislation are subject to the consent of the Legislative Assembly. There will be opportunities through the legislative process for you to provide comments and suggestions on the proposed bill and I encourage you to do so. For more information on how to participate in the legislative process, please visit the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website at: http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/home.do.

As always, your engagement and partnership are crucial as we work toward a more responsive, integrated system of quality child care and early years services. I look forward to our continued collaboration to support children and families in communities across Ontario.

Sincerely,

Liz Sandals
Minister