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Greetings,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to Agenda item 7. I understand our agenda item was late in the afternoon and everyone is tired. Please take time to thoroughly review the items provided by Ms. Oya, Mrs. Elquist and the Children's Advocacy Alliance. As a private childcare facility owner and Principal we work hard to provide high quality early education. We are really struggling. Out of our 122 currently enrolled students we only have 3 families that still need childcare. We have had to temporarily close our doors after 7 years of business as a 4 STAR QRIS rated facility. WE NEED HELP! We all need to take a hard look at differentiating daycares and Quality ECE facilities, preschools like ours. We have low teacher and family turnover. We have spent the last 7 weeks working virtually with our students, as we made our pivot to distance ed we had to not only facilitate curriculum but we had to make sure our families are supported since they are predominantly low income families. Dropping off diapers, wipes, food etc to families to make sure they are still being cared for at a safe distance. Providing food distribution site information and resources for utilities. We really need support from our Nevada legislature.

Thank you and be well,

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