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Dear Members of the Georgia Child Care Association,

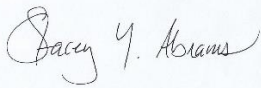
Thank you for the opportunity to address your conference and share my commitment and vision for investing in child care as governor. As the nation finishes Teacher Appreciation Week this week, I want to thank you—our children’s first teachers. Your hard work and dedication prepares our youngest Georgians socially, emotionally, and intellectually for the years ahead. As I said in my remarks, I am committed to expanding the state’s investment in child care with scholarships for ages 0-3 and grants to increase opportunities for special populations such as children of shift workers and children with disabilities.

Additionally, I am always committed to listening to those on the frontlines and gaining a better understanding of the challenges you face. I had the privilege of sitting down with members of your leadership team following the conference and learning more about your work. From that discussion, I want to make clear to all of you that I support Georgia’s hybrid Pre-K model of private providers, public schools, and Head Start programs.

One of the legislative victories of which I am most proud was the preservation of full-day Pre-K in 2011. When Pre-K was on the chopping block, I fought with you to protect Pre-K and ensure our four-year-olds get the strongest start possible. I was then and continue to be a staunch advocate for our Georgia Pre-K program, of which you are an integral part.

Thank you again for your service to our youngest Georgians.

Sincerely,



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