



## **US House of Representatives Passes Two Historic Childcare Bills**

The federal House of Representatives passed a package of bills dedicating a historic \$220 billion over 10 years to support Early Learning teachers and families. These two bills represent the largest investment in the childcare field since World War II.

The Child Care is Essential Act would allocate \$50 billion to provide grants to childcare providers to address costs associated with re-opening and operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also includes funding to pay tuition or copayments for families who are struggling financially.

The Child Care for Economic Recovery Act, estimated to cost \$170 billion over ten years, would provide longer-term support. It expands tax credits and flexible savings accounts that parents can use to pay for childcare, provides funding to improve and expand childcare facilities, and creates a new payroll tax credit for mortgage, rent, and utility expenses incurred by childcare facilities that have been affected by the pandemic.

Both bills passed with largely partisan support. All Democrats supported the bills, while some Republicans broke ranks to also vote in favor. The bills now head to the US Senate.

**The National Women's Law Center is petitioning Congress to support the Child Care relief package. [Click here to show your support!](#)**