

National Coalition on Children and Disasters

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September 15, 2014

The Honorable John Kline
The Honorable George Miller
Attn. Cristin Kumar and Scott Groginsky
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

The National Coalition on Children and Disasters is a community of child-serving national organizations that advocates for policies that ensure the well-being of children and their families in the preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made disasters. As members of the Coalition, we write in support of the Disaster Plan provision within the *Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014* introduced on September 12th, 2014.

Children comprise nearly twenty-five percent of the U.S. population, yet in times of disaster their unique needs historically have been unmet by the federal government and non-federal partners. We support the proposed CCDBG improvements focused on the safety, health and quality of child care in the U.S. In particular, we commend your inclusion of the disaster preparedness section and disaster plan components §5(u)(iii) which are in line with the recommendations from the National Commission on Children and Disasters.

Thank you for your commitment to our nation's 75 million children. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues as the *Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014* moves through Congress.

Sincerely,

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Habitat for Humanity
Save the Children
Trust for America's Health