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Mr. Doug Ringler, Auditor General
Office of the Auditor General
201 N. Washington Square, Sixth Floor
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Auditor General Ringler:

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of the Auditor General was instrumental in detailing the immense size and scope of fraud and mismanagement in Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency.

Now, in light of troubling reports of similar large-scale fraud related to child care subsidies in other states, I am writing to request that your office conduct an audit of Michigan's Child Development and Care Program in the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential. This program, which is intended to assist low-income families with the cost of child care, is receiving over \$540 million in taxpayer support this year.

The lack of affordable child care is one of the greatest challenges facing families in Michigan. As such, every tax dollar lost to fraud or waste makes it even more difficult for law-abiding Michiganders to get the child care they need.

In light of previous oversight failures by this administration, I respectfully request that your office conduct an audit to ensure the appropriate use of child care subsidies in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aric Nesbitt".

Aric Nesbitt
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