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Montgomery County Council
C/O Council President Tom Hucker
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SUPPORT: Bill 42-21 Early Care and Education Coordinating Entity - Established

Dear Council President Hucker and Councilmembers:

The Primary Care Coalition (PCC) strongly supports the goal of a coordinated, comprehensive system of early care and education that will attract and retain a talented workforce of today by supporting families of young children and ensure the skilled workforce of tomorrow by addressing the growing opportunity gap. The PCC further supports the establishment of a public-private coordinating entity as described in Bill 42-21.

For more than 25 years, the PCC has served as a neutral coordinating entity for public-private transformation of the healthcare system for Montgomery County residents most affected by health inequities. At our founding, the need for the PCC was championed by community advocates, members of the County Council and DHHS staff. With large scale programs such as Montgomery Cares and Care for Kids administered centrally through PCC, the County has built a system for healthcare for the uninsured unparalleled in the State and most of the nation and has quality data to show the impact on individual lives as well as significant return on County investment.¹

Employing a systems view to facilitate collaboration across public, nonprofit, and private sectors is at the core of PCC's mission to improve the health and lives of people experiencing vulnerability. We believe the same principles can be applied to the critical questions of improving access to early care and education.

¹ FY19 Montgomery Cares Clinical Measures

https://www.primarycarecoalition.org/uploads/1/1/8/3/118354866/q_clinical_measures_annual_report_fy_2019_2-4-20.pdf

FY20 PCC Annual Report

https://www.primarycarecoalition.org/uploads/1/1/8/3/118354866/pcc_annual_report_for_2020.pdf

Through our work in the healthcare space, we strongly endorse the public-private coordinating entity approach as effective in achieving a collective systems-level view, creating measures that monitor and drive desired results, addressing inequities, leveraging investment from multiple sectors, and producing return on investment over the long term. We support a similar independent public-private collaborating entity approach for the ECE sector and look forward to collaborating with the entity in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie G.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leslie Graham
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