



Senator Herb Kohl

United States Senator for Wisconsin



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In many working families, balancing the demands of jobs and children are just the beginning. Add concerns about saving for retirement, covering the costs of education, paying medical bills and helping aging parents, and the balance becomes more difficult. That's why we work to find solutions to make the road a little smoother for working families across our state.

This week, I introduced legislation to expand access to affordable child care by extending tax credits to employers who provide on-site or nearby child care for their employees' families. This tax credit, based on my bipartisan Child Care Infrastructure Act, was signed into law in 2001 and will expire at the end of this year unless Congress acts. It is a powerful and proven incentive for business – especially small business – to arrange on-site child care for their employees.

Child care is a good investment for employer and employee alike. Businesses get employees who miss less work to deal with family issues and stay in their jobs longer. Parents know that their children are safe, sound, and close-by while their Mom or Dad is at work.

I'm confident that this legislation will be supported on both sides of the aisle before the end of the year. I was honored to be named among the "Best of Congress" today by Corporate Voices for Working Families and Working Mother Media for our work to expand access to affordable child care and other initiatives to help working families. You can learn more about our work here <http://www.kohl.senate.gov/record-of-service.cfm>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herb Kohl".

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