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RAMSEY COUNTY

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DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**In Re Temporary Funding of Core
Functions of the Executive Branch of the
State of Minnesota.**

Case Type: Civil

File No. 62-cv-11-5203
The Honorable Kathleen R. Gearin

**AFFIDAVIT OF MINNESOTA
LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE
ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF
THE *AMICI* COALITION OF
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND
SUPPORTERS**

State of Minnesota)
) ss.
County of Ramsey)

I, Katherine Chase, being first duly sworn, depose under oath and state as follows:

1. I am the executive director of Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association, a 501-c3.
2. I make this Affidavit in support of the Memorandum of Law submitted by the *Amici* Coalition of Childcare Providers and Supporters.
3. The **Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association (MLFCCA)** is a professional family child care organization of licensed family child care providers serving children and family child care providers. Its mission is to support the highest standard of care for children in Minnesota's diverse licensed family child care homes through education, resources, recognition, and advocacy.
 - a. In 1973 MLFCCA was established as a nonprofit organization. MLFCCA is a

statewide network of family child care providers, provider associations, support groups, neighborhood groups, and advocates. Over thirty county associations are member organizations.

- b. Minnesota has 12,000 licensed family child care providers serving 187,000 children. Family providers are small business owners. Some either serve only children on Child Care Assistance or depend on a significant portion of fee income from families receiving Child Care Assistance. Over 18,000 of Minnesota's children receive Child Care Assistance in licensed family child care homes.

4. If child Child Care Assistance payments cease:

- Providers will be faced with closing their business doors due to no or little income.
- Families will have no child care and be unable to work
- Tax revenue from family child care businesses and working families will cease
- Recovering from such a business revenue loss will make it impossible for many child care programs to reopen
- The most vulnerable children (those from low income families) will be affected
- The most vulnerable businesses (those in low income neighborhoods) will be affected

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated: 6/21, 2011.

By: *[Signature]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 21st day of June, 2011.

Lori Ann Lemieux Schmidt

Notary Public

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