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Good morning Rules Committee,

My name is Raegan Sales, I am the Healthy Apple Program Coordinator at Children's Council of San Francisco.

We provide low income families with free or low cost child care in San Francisco on behalf of the city, provide child care educators with business resources and distribute thousands of meals annually to San Franciso families,

I am here to speak in support on behalf of the organization on the proposed legislation to:

• Establish a special fund for grants to nonprofit agencies to establish and operate food empowerment markets

In a San Francisco child care survey sent out during the pandemic to the families we serve, food insecurity was listed as the primary concern,

The needs for child care and families is intrinsically intersectional with food security,

That is why at Children's Council of San Francisco we support child care educators with funding to provide the children in their care with nutritious food,

That being so, we urge the BOS to establish the special fund for non-profits to establish and operate food empowerment markets,

These markets will allow the community to receive healthy food in a safe community environment that promotes community empowerment,

We urge you to pass this essential legislation,

Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,

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