

# THE BFD REPORT



from Family Forward Action

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the second edition of The BFD Report! If you missed the first one and are wondering what the BFD is, you can view it [here](#).

Surviving February was a BFD for many of us who experienced power outages and loss of heat during the ice storms. We definitely didn't need another crisis. And yet, despite more setbacks, in February we managed to move the needle on the policies our families need thanks to your support.

Here's what you accomplished:

## YOUR WINS

- ["The most testimony ever received"](#) by Oregon's House Committee on Early Childhood in support of our priority bills for child care, HB 2503 and HB 3703
- [Over 300 emails sent to lawmakers](#) about child care this month!
- [The relaunch of the Oregon Child Care Advisory Board](#) by Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

## YOUR IMPACT

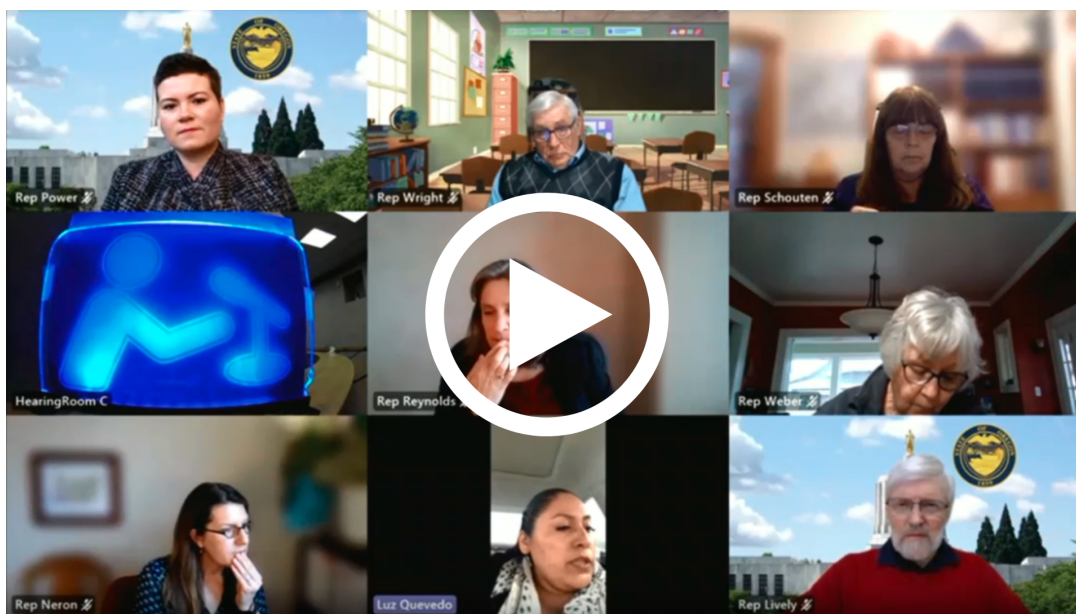
**Your donations are fueling a movement that can't be stopped!** Across the state and nation, lawmakers are paying attention to mothers and caregivers.

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici has relaunched the Oregon Child Care Advisory Board, [and our Executive Director Andrea Paluso is one of the twelve leaders invited to serve](#). Because of your continued advocacy, Congresswoman Bonamici is pushing for child care to be a top priority

in the next COVID-19 relief package, working to secure \$40 billion of child care support in the American Rescue Plan. Oregon would receive an estimated \$406 million for child care if the bill is signed into law.

Here at home, things are moving forward with our priority bills for child care! [HB 2503](#) and [HB 3073](#) will help support providers and parents in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis by making Oregon's Employment Related Daycare (ERDC) program easier to navigate and more beneficial for all involved and by better structuring and supporting child care and early childhood programs. The bills had a public hearing on Monday, February 22 and so many people showed up to testify that a second hearing had to be scheduled on Wednesday, February 24!

**Luz Quevado, one of our Family Forward Action Team Leaders, was able to share her experience in Spanish with lawmakers.** Her story was so powerful, and we're grateful that policymakers could hear how a historic lack of investment in child care and caretaking has devastated so many of our families, especially those who identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and/or other people of color.



**None of this would be possible without your support!** Your commitment to economic justice for mothers and caregivers is creating real change.

That's a BFD.

Until next month,

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P.S. - Forward this email to a friend you think is a BFD!