

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Civil

In Re Temporary Funding of Core
Function of the Executive Branch
Of the State of Minnesota

Court File No.: 62-cv-11-5203
(Judge Gearin)

**AFFIDAVIT OF
SHARON BORN**

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WASECA)

Sharon Born, being under oath, states as follows:

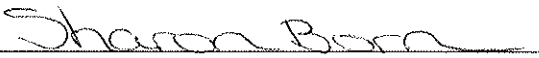
1. My name is Sharon Born. I live at 304 6th Street NE Waseca, MN 56093. I make this affidavit based on personal knowledge.
2. I have been a licensed family child care provider for 12 years in Waseca. I look forward to the daily breakthroughs and instances where I see the children I care for grow and learn. I enjoy my work because I make a difference in the lives of children.
3. All 12 children in my care receive help through Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). CCAP allows the parents I work with search for and keep jobs that allow them to provide for their families and move off of government assistance programs.
4. Without CCAP support, it would be impossible for my families to afford child care on the low-wage jobs available to people in Waseca. Without subsidized child care, the parents of the children I serve would need to either quit their jobs and risk becoming homeless or leave their children in unsafe environments (or alone) so they could work. Without a job,

the families would need to go back on public assistance, which is already strained by budget cuts.

5. The child care I provide gives stability for vulnerable children along with support they get through Medical Assistance and other state programs. For example, I participate in our local food program for the benefit of the children in my care.
6. I currently provide, and in the past have provided, care to children with disabilities. Without CCAP, some parents would need to stop working because their children require special attention due to mental or physical disabilities that require constant support. Thanks to CCAP, parents are able to afford to bring their children to my daycare where I can provide a safe, supportive environment that enhances their development of social skills and prepares them for school in the face of their disabilities.
7. If the Child Care Assistance Program were discontinued during the government shutdown, I would lose my entire income. CCAP pays me approximately \$1700 every two weeks – an average of about \$70 per week for each child in my care. The families I serve are not able to pay for the full cost of care.
8. Without income from CCAP, even for a short amount of time, I could not cover the costs of my child care, much less the needs of my own family. If the State fails to make the first CCAP payment in July, I will be unable to pay my \$150 electricity bill. If it fails to pay the second July payment, I will miss payments on my \$800 mortgage, \$300 car payment, and the payment on the loan I took to improve my child care. And, although I participate in the food program, I pay \$800 / month of food costs up front – costs I cannot cover without income. That would have an immediate, long-term impact on my credit.

9. I support my three children and have little savings; when possible, I invest in my business. Without CCAP income, I would be forced to shut my doors and seek other employment to be able to continue to pay my bills, including my mortgage, car payment, and living expenses.
10. If I closed my child care, I would struggle to find a comparable paying job, because of the recession in my community. Most likely I would need to seek government assistance and risk losing my home.
11. A disruption or shutdown of the Child Care Assistance Program would cause severe harm to health and safety of the families I serve. They could not find affordable alternate care without the support of CCAP. They do not work jobs that would allow them to take vacation or even unpaid leave to care for their children. One of my parents has just begun a new job – she has no accrued sick time and cannot miss essential trainings.
12. I love providing child care because I see my home as the only stability many of the families I work serve have in their lives. Parents know that when they drop their children off at my house, their children will be safe and in good hands. Any interruption in CCAP would wreck that stability that my families value and need in this hard economy.
13. The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sharon Born
Waseca, MN
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


Sharon Born

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of June 21, 2011.


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