



Independent Women's Voice Supports H.R. 7721, The Combating Regulatory Abuse, Closing Known Deficiencies, and Overseeing Waste Nationwide (CRACKDOWN) Act

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Dear Members of Congress,

Independent Women's Voice supports H.R. 7721, the [CRACKDOWN Act](#), introduced by Representative Glenn Grothman (R-WI). This legislation implements an improper payment threshold of 5% for states administering funds for the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, requires states to submit a corrective action plan to reduce the improper payment rate to the threshold, and if for two consecutive fiscal years a state has an improper payment rate above 5% then that state becomes ineligible to receive funds.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act is designed to help low-income working families support and care for their children. States have a responsibility to administer these funds responsibly to eligible families. Many states, however, are highly susceptible to fraud in these programs, with varying levels of enforcement to reduce improper payment levels.

Such a wide-reaching fund as the Child Care and Development Block Grant plays a significant role in ensuring families have access to child care. High improper payment rates indicate that these funds are being lost to fraud rather than reaching the intended families, and many states have high rates, but do not appear to be seeking corrective measures. This erodes public trust in vital programs and opens the door to more fraud and abuse.

H.R. 7721 ensures states will reduce improper payment rates by requiring states to take action. States with high improper payment rates have significant work to do to ensure that funds are going to eligible families who need them. This puts a stop to the programs that are leaking funds quickly and requires childcare programs to be held accountable for the money they spend. This is essential to expanding childcare access to those who need it.

Independent Women's Voice urges members of Congress to move H.R. 7721 forward, and we commend Representative Grothman for his efforts in putting a stop to fraudulent payments. We stand ready to work with you to advance this legislation and decrease waste and abuse in this program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrice Onwuka', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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