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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On January 6, 2026, President Donald Trump's  
3 Department of Health and Human Services announced a unilateral  
4 suspension of \$10 billion in childcare, citing allegations of  
5 wrongdoing in Minnesota to justify a freeze on funds for  
6 Illinois and other states; and

7           WHEREAS, President Trump's latest funding freezes follow  
8 already familiar patterns, unilaterally halting  
9 congressionally mandated funding with no authorization,  
10 selectively attacking specific states for political  
11 retribution, targeting the most vulnerable people for cuts,  
12 and exacerbating the Trump affordability crisis; and

13           WHEREAS, President Trump's suspension of funding to  
14 Illinois, California, Colorado, and New York was not made  
15 based on specific allegations in those states but rather  
16 appear to have been targeting states with Democratic governors  
17 critical of Donald Trump himself; and

18           WHEREAS, President Trump's funding freeze threatens access  
19 to safe, affordable childcare for 150,000 children in Illinois  
20 and 100,000 households, while also jeopardizing the jobs of  
21 many childcare providers already living paycheck to paycheck;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, President Trump is choosing to make working  
2 parents' greatest expense even less affordable; childcare is  
3 already one of the most daunting costs facing working  
4 families, with the average cost of daycare outpacing the  
5 average cost of a two-bedroom apartment in parts of Illinois  
6 and across the country; and

7           WHEREAS, President Trump's allies and apologists continue  
8 to say he should have the power to temporarily pause and review  
9 spending, statements that sound even more hollow and desperate  
10 now one year into his presidency, as federal spending levels  
11 are negotiated and signed into law by Trump himself; and

12           WHEREAS, This is yet another case of President Trump  
13 freezing, pausing, or impounding congressionally appropriated  
14 funds, substituting his ideology for the democratic process  
15 despite repeated court rulings stating such actions exceed the  
16 power of the presidency; and

17           WHEREAS, President Trump's repeated attempts to freeze  
18 funds for working people and modest-income families are  
19 juxtaposed glaringly against his ongoing efforts to cut taxes  
20 for billionaires, push a \$700 billion taxpayer-funded  
21 acquisition of Greenland, and pursue pathetic,  
22 self-aggrandizing projects such as building a ball room or

1 renaming the Kennedy Center; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we condemn President Donald Trump's effort to freeze funds for  
5 affordable childcare; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we call for the immediate release of all  
7 congressionally appropriated childcare funds.