

Stop Child Care Scams Act

Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL)

BACKGROUND:

- Child care assistance programs are meant to help working families—not bankroll fraud.
- Committee Republicans are taking action to crack down on abuse, restore accountability, and protect taxpayer dollars from being siphoned off by bad actors.

THE PROBLEM:

- Fraud in child care assistance programs isn't theoretical—it's happening right now, costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. In Minnesota, massive failures exposed just how easily the system can be exploited.
- Some state leaders have allowed weak oversight and loopholes to persist, creating an open invitation for fraud.
- Without reform, these same failures will continue nationwide—wasting taxpayer dollars and diverting resources away from working families who actually need help.

THE SOLUTION:

Stop Child Care Scams Act delivers eight reforms to crack down on fraud and force accountability:

Child Care Payment Integrity & Fraud Accountability Act

Rep. Mark Messmer (R-IN)

- Current law masks fraud by lumping it in with other payment errors. This bill forces states to track and report fraud directly—because you can't stop what you refuse to measure.

Combating Regulatory Abuse, Closing Known Deficiencies, & Overseeing Waste Nationwide (CRACKDOWN) Act

Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI)

- States that allow improper payments to spiral out of control will be held accountable. A clear 5 percent threshold ensures problems are addressed before they explode.

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Child Care Integrity Monitoring Act

Rep. Bob Onder (R-MO)

- Ends the hands-off approach to oversight by requiring regular audits and labeling chronic violators as high-risk.

Safeguarding Taxpayer Dollars in Child Care Act

Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)

- Fraudulent providers will no longer be able to game the system by jumping between programs. If you cheat one program, you're out of both.

No Waivers for Fraud Act

Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)

- No more free passes. States that fail to enforce the rules cannot use HHS waivers to doge accountability.

Stop Child Care Fraud Act

Rep. Michael Rulli (R-OH)

- Fraud often goes undetected because agencies don't communicate. This bill forces coordination so red flags aren't ignored.

Closing the Provider Fraud Gap Act

Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)

- As taxpayer dollars continue to go out the door, this report identifies exactly where fraud is slipping through the cracks.

No Funds for Repeat Child Care Violations Act

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- Replaces bureaucratic discretion with mandatory action. If states fail to address fraud, funding consequences will follow—no exceptions.

BOTTOM LINE:

Taxpayers are footing the bill for a system that's too easy to exploit. Every dollar lost to fraud is stolen from a child in need or a working parent trying to get ahead.

Stop Child Care Scams Act puts an end to the excuses, cracks down on abuse, and ensures these programs serve working families—not fraudsters.

