Statement of the Campaign for Children in Response to
Progressive Caucus Policy Platform for 2018

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“The Campaign for Children is grateful that the City Council’s Progressive Caucus shares our
vision of ensuring every New York City child has access to high quality, affordable early
childhood education, after-school and summer programs. We look forward to working with the
Progressive Caucus, as well as the Mayor and the rest of the Council, to turn the Caucus's
proposals, including prekindergarten for all 3 year olds, expanded free and affordable infant and
toddler care, a new agency focused on early childhood development, and universal after-
school and summer programs for all children, a reality.”

ABOUT CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN: The Campaign for Children is a coalition of 150 early childhood
education and after-school advocacy and provider organizations, including Citizens’ Committee for
Children, The Children’s Aid Society, United Neighborhood Houses, Good Shepherd Services, FPWA, the
Day Care Council of New York, UJA-Federation of New York, and the YMCA of Greater New York. The
Campaign’s successful advocacy saved child care and after-school programs for more than 47,000
children by securing more than $120 million of one-year City Council discretionary funds for two
consecutive years, which then were successfully baselined. The Campaign also advocated for the
expansion of Universal Pre-K and middle school after-school programs in NYC, and saved summer
programs for over 31,000 children.

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