



**Little Beavers  
Preschool Inc.**  
Est. 1973



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**To:** The Honorable Representative Tomei  
The Honorable Representative Gilliam  
Co-Chairs, House Human Services Committee

**From:** Ann Miner, Director  
Little Beavers Preschool

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Co-Chairs, Representative Tomei, Representative Gilliam, and members of the committee, on behalf of Little Beavers Preschool and as a Director of the Preschool, I would like to express to you our support for HB 4165, with specific emphasis on how valuable a Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS) is for child care programs like ours.

Little Beavers Preschool is a licensed child care center in Corvallis, Oregon serving children and families in that community since 1973. With a mission to provide quality child care in a nurturing environment, we strive to partner with families, working together towards the individual growth and success of each child in our care.

Little Beavers recently participated in a pilot program and were designated as an "Oregon Program of Quality." This designation means we have met requirements for quality that help children grow and learn. Specifically, we implemented a curriculum framework which integrates our lesson planning, classroom settings, and equipment and manipulatives. We improved our parent communication including a quarterly summary of children's growth and development. We strengthened our connections with community based resources. Our teachers also benefitted from a higher standard of continuing education with measurable goals for professional development. The "Oregon Program of Quality" is serving as a foundation for Oregon's Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System proposed in this bill.

We know that 3 out of 4 Oregonian children will pass through a paid child care setting before turning age 5. As a TQRIS is implemented across the state, I feel it will profoundly help child care programs, as it has our own, ready young children for success in school and life.