

## **Please Support Senate Bill 470**

Dear Business and Transportation Committee,

I fully support Senate Bill 470 and am urging you to do the same. This bill will protect the rights of home owners that desire to open a home child care. Home child care has many benefits over institutional child care centers, including superior service through smaller teacher/child ratios and better trained personnel, local care in a variety of communities, and often at a lower cost to the parents.

The quality of care that both of my children receive is the most important thing that I consider when selecting child care. They both have received attention above what an institution could provide because of the regulated ratios and better trained personnel. Often the people hired to work at these child cares are retired teachers or people that are well educated in child development. This matters because they understand how children learn and how to best set them up for success. Both of my children started going to day care when they were infants and needed that focused one-on-one attention. They received above and beyond the care they needed allowing them to develop faster than I would have thought possible. They were taught small amounts of American Sign Language at the home child care, helping them communicate more effectively and making our life outside of day care that much easier.

Senate Bill 470 would encourage more home child cares to open, allowing for families to have a provider in their local community. With both my wife and I working, the need for a local child care provider was a necessity. We are blessed to have a provider within a 15-minute drive but many people must drive much further than that to drop their child off, especially if they are going to an institutional child care. This also helps spread traffic around the city, rather than centralizing it into a single area and causing bottle necks that could result in frustration and accidents.

Home child cares often come at the same cost if not cheaper than institutional child care. Affordable child care is a must for us and many families. Senate Bill 470 would help increase in-home child cares forcing the cost of care to stay competitive and making it easier for parents to pay for.

Children are the future of a community and nation. We need to provide the best care we can for them and I believe that Senate Bill 470 does just that. Please join me in supporting this bill.

Sincerely,  
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