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To whom it may concern,

I am writing a letter in support of Cheryl Lang and the Happy Place Child Care Center. My 2 year old son, William, spent 10 months under Cheryl's care from September 2016 – June 2017. She also welcomed my 5 year old son into her daycare on non-school days throughout that time. Cheryl and the staff provide a warm, loving and educational home for children. With limited options for quality care in a Christian home, we were blessed to find The Happy Place Child Care Center.

Cheryl provides more than simple child care. She has developed an impressive preschool curriculum for pre-school aged children. Her home is filled with activities for all ages and interests. Cheryl offers a well-rounded experience. Once a month the children participate in folk dance and library story time as well as field trips like the pumpkin patch in the fall.

She values continuing education for herself and her employees. She works to meet all the needs of the children entrusted to her care. At the time my son began at Cheryl's, he was virtually a non-speaker at 2 years of age and was attending speech therapy. Within 6 months, his speech was at or above expectation for children his age. I attribute his success, in large part, to the care, support and encouragement Cheryl provided to help develop his speech.

Cheryl, with the help of her husband Tracy, has built an extensive outdoor play area. This area was a highlight of my son's time with Cheryl. Numerous activities are available to promote the development of gross motor skills as well as providing an opportunity for the children to get plenty of physical exercise each day.

Cheryl and the Happy Place Child Care play an important role in the lives of all the children in her care. She works to provide a safe and caring environment that promotes the physical, emotional and social development of the children entrusted to her care. Even though my sons no longer attend Cheryl's, because my place of work offers preschool for ages 3 and up, her home will always be my top choice and recommendation for in-home child care in the Linn and Benton Counties.

Sincerely,

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