

Dear Business and Transportation Committee,

My name is Matt Janssen. I am a father of seven children. I am a native Oregonian, graduate of OSU in engineering, and have always loved our state. As I have grown and raised my children I am becoming increasingly concerned with the condition of child care system. While we have had the luxury of being able to care for our children within our home I expect some of my grown children will not be able to do so. That means they will need child care while they work. Prayerfully, they will be able to find care that they trust and that honors our family values.

However, as we confer with those we know, respect and trust, like the Lang family, we begin to understand the condition of child care in our state. We are completely astonished and very concerned for the future of our children's families. How will they find care when many people are waiting so long to get into a child care home? We need more qualified child care providers. Our values drive us to the more natural familial environment of a child care home. Especially when care could come from a neighborhood friend. Please support actions that help us increase the capacity of care in our state.

We're also becoming increasingly aware of the abuse an HOA can impose. We know families that have become very upset with the actions taken by HOA leaders. It seems they are out of control and abusing their authority. We have never lived within an HOA and likely never will. We refuse to give up our personal freedoms to have some unformed people make decisions over what we may or may not do within the privacy of our own home.

We endorse SB 470. We believe child care homes can successfully exist within an HOA neighborhood and thus create a distributed network of home care providers. Given we have seven children it is likely they will spread out to live around our state. Some of our kids may end up within an HOA community. I hope they will be able to find child care. This is a state wide issue given the very large gap between needed child care and what is available. The crippling actions of HOA's are not helping us grow child care home access. We need statewide policy to help create consistency and a guide a unified plan.

Please support SB 470 so we can close the gap in child care home availability.

Sincerely,  
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