

Dear Senator

I am writing about SB470. I am asking for your support in passing this bill.

Child care is a very important issue and is statewide. There needs to be consistency in the care and standards around the state. There also needs to be the option of home child care in all neighborhoods. I do not think that home owners associations should be allowed to control whether there is certified, quality child care in their neighborhood. This bill protects the rights of citizens to act legally within the privacy of their own home. The day care does not cause any detriment to the neighborhood and provides a valuable service to the families who live there.

SB470 Enables deployment of the SPARK/QRIS program (a program ensuring quality care in all child care facilities) and expands the reach of Oregon's early childhood development programs including children with special needs.

I have two daughters who both have children of their own. As a family we experienced both corporate day care and in home day care in the Corvallis / Albany areas. In every situation we felt that the in home care was better for the children. We found, and we know for a fact, that there is a shortage of in home daycare businesses. More are required to provide proper care for our children. Most of the in home day care centers are owned by women. This is also an important opportunity for there to be more women owned businesses which provide a valuable service to the citizens of Oregon.

Thank you for reading my letter. I hope that you will vote yes to pass this very important legislation.

Sincerely,

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