

29 January 2023

Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate Bill 599

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Anderson and members Senators Knopp, Patterson and Sollman;

I am opposed to SB 599 and urge you to table this bill.

A “family child care home” can be considered a business. It wouldn’t surprise me to learn that a business license is required to operate such. Why should housing providers be forced to support private business endeavors—against their will?

The legislature has no business telling rental property owners they will be “required” to allow their dwelling to be used as a business but it certainly seems that in recent years the legislature has become *de facto* agents of tenants, to the neglect of rental home providers.

Rental property owners may already allow such use. But by all “rights” they should be able to disallow such use as well.

There are already numerous – some would say far too many—regulations regarding the obligations of rental property owners towards their tenants. For example, in the regular 2021 legislative session House Bill 2583 (which passed and was signed in to law) “prohibited the establishment or enforcement of occupancy limits based on familial relationships on residential dwelling units by public bodies.”

Enough is enough.

I urge the committee to table this bill and let it go no further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner