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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I am a parent of a child enrolled at Pitter Patter Learning Center, and I am writing in strong opposition to House Bill 647 because of the fear and instability it would create for families like mine.

The thought that my child's care could be taken away overnight—without warning and before facts are fully investigated—is terrifying. If my child's center were suddenly shut down, my family would immediately be thrown into crisis. I would be forced to choose between showing up for my job or staying home with my child, knowing that either choice could have serious consequences. No parent should ever be placed in that position.

My child thrives because of consistency, routine, and trusted caregivers who know and care for them. This bill puts all of that at risk. Sudden disruptions do not just affect schedules, they affect a child's sense of safety, emotional well-being, and development.

House Bill 647 does not protect families like mine. It creates fear, instability, and uncertainty for parents and children who depend on reliable childcare to survive. I urge you to oppose this bill and consider the real-life impact it will have on working families and the children at the center of this issue.

Thank you for listening to the voices of parents.

Respectfully,

Tamar Burnett
Parent, Pitter Patter Learning Center