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Chairperson and Members of the Committee, and Representative **Phil Plummer**,

I am a working parent, and childcare is the foundation that allows my family to survive. Without reliable childcare, I cannot work, pay my bills, or provide stability for my child.

If House Bill 647 passes and my child's provider loses funding or their license without due process, my family could be pushed into crisis within days. Employers do not wait while parents scramble to find childcare that does not exist. A sudden closure would put my job, my income, and my child's sense of security at immediate risk.

Representative Plummer, this bill does not just impact providers it directly harms families like mine. It places working parents at risk of unemployment and forces children into instability through no fault of their own. Families should not be punished because of allegations that have not yet been proven.

I urge you to reconsider House Bill 647 and to work with parents and providers to create policies that protect children without destroying the systems families rely on. Please do not allow working families to cause collateral damage.

Respectfully,

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