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

Finding quality childcare is already extremely difficult for families like mine. House Bill 647 will make it nearly impossible.

If providers close because they fear sudden suspension or loss of funding, parents will be left with no options. There are no “backup centers” ready to absorb displaced children, and families like mine would face immediate crisis. Children would lose stability, and parents would face impossible choices between work and care.

Representative Plummer, this bill ignores the real challenges families face every day. I urge you to listen to parents and reject House Bill 647 to protect access to safe, reliable childcare for Ohio’s children and families.

Respectfully,

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