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

As a parent, my child depends on routine, consistency, and a safe environment to feel secure and thrive. House Bill 647 threatens that stability by allowing sudden closures of child care centers without warning.

Disrupting daily routines causes confusion, anxiety, and emotional stress for children. Even a short interruption can have lasting effects on their emotional well-being and development.

Families like mine should not have to live in fear of losing care overnight, and children should never be placed in situations that jeopardize their sense of safety.

Representative Plummer, I urge you to oppose House Bill 647 and protect the daily stability and emotional security of Ohio's children and families.

Respectfully,

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