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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I trust my childcare provider every day with my child's safety, learning, and well-being. My child's caregivers are not just employees, they are trusted adults who play a critical role in my child's growth, development, and emotional security.

House Bill 647 sends a message that providers can be penalized based on suspicion alone, without proper investigation or due process. That approach destroys trust between families and providers and pressures good caregivers to leave the field. When trusted providers are driven out, families are left with fewer safe and reliable options, and children suffer as a result.

I urge the committee to consider the impact on families and children and to reject House Bill 647. Policies should protect children and families, not destabilize the relationships and routines that children rely on every day.

Respectfully,

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