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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

If childcare centers close suddenly, the shortage of available care in our community will worsen.

House Bill 647 would make it much harder for families to find safe, reliable childcare, forcing parents to scramble at the last minute or go without.

As a parent, I rely on consistent, trusted care to maintain stability for my child and my family.

Sudden closures would create immediate chaos—parents could lose wages or even their jobs, children would lose the structure and security they need, and families would face unnecessary stress.

This disruption also has broader consequences for the community. Local businesses depend on parents being able to work reliably. When childcare options are reduced or become unpredictable, the economy suffers, children lose stability, and families are put under tremendous pressure.

I urge the committee to consider the wide-reaching effects of this bill and to protect families, children, and communities by opposing House Bill 647.

Respectfully,

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