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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Passing House Bill 647 would create constant fear for both parents and children. Families would live in worry about sudden closures, not knowing if their childcare provider will remain open or if their child will be left without care. Providers would be forced to operate under heightened stress, and children would face daily uncertainty and insecurity.

My child depends on a safe, stable, and consistent environment at **Pitter Patter Learning Center**, and the thought of a sudden closure is terrifying. Children should feel safe and supported, not anxious about changes beyond their control.

A bill that creates fear rather than security is harmful for everyone, children, parents, and providers alike. I urge the committee to reject House Bill 647 and protect the stability, well-being, and peace of mind of Ohio families.

Respectfully,

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