Subject: Parent Concerns Regarding House Bill 649

Dear Ohio House Representatives,

As parents and guardians of children enrolled in childcare programs, we are writing to express our concerns regarding House Bill 649 and the proposal requiring childcare providers to take photographs of children during both drop-off and pick-up each day.

While we understand that the goal of this proposal may be to improve accountability and safety, we believe this requirement raises significant concerns for families.

First, the requirement to photograph children daily creates privacy concerns. Many parents are uncomfortable with their child's photograph being taken and stored multiple times each day. Questions remain about where these photos would be stored, who would have access to them, and how they would be protected from misuse or unauthorized access.

Second, this requirement may interfere with the ability of childcare providers to focus on the children in their care. Arrival and departure times are already busy periods when providers must supervise multiple children, greet families, and ensure safe transitions. Adding a mandatory photography requirement could take attention away from direct supervision.

Third, many childcare programs already have strong safety procedures in place, including sign-in and sign-out systems, authorized pick-up lists, and direct communication with parents. These measures already help ensure children are released safely to approved adults without requiring the storage of daily photographs.

As parents, we value both the safety and the privacy of our children. We respectfully ask you to reconsider the photography requirement included in House Bill 649 and work with childcare providers and families to develop solutions that support safety without creating unnecessary privacy concerns or operational burdens.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of Ohio families.

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian Name: Tiffanie Bayes

Child's Name: Liam Blanton

City: Marion

Signature: Tiffanie Bayes

Date: 3-10-26