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IRRC mailbox

Dear IRRC mailbox,

I have worked in the child care field for over twenty years. For most of my career, I have supported programs and their staff in creating high quality child care programs for school-age children. I am writing to express my support for the Department of Public Welfare's final child care facility regulations #14-506 (IRRC # 2539). Although the regulations have not been significantly updated since 1992, the use of out-of-home care for children birth through school-age has grown incrementally. These final regulations before you reflect current best practices and research. They will serve to protect the health and safety of an estimated 300,000 children in approximately 9,000 child care centers, group child care homes and family child care homes. The regulations update requirements regarding a number of important issues including, SIDS prevention, playground safety, removal of recalled toys, and protections for children with special needs. I believe the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare has successfully addressed the comments and suggestions raised during the review process and made changes appropriate for inclusion in the regulations. I ask that you support the regulations so they can take effect as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
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