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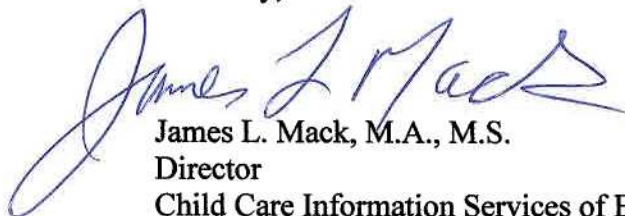
Dear Commission Members,

Recently we sent you a letter of support for Chapter 168 which is vital for the unification of the subsidized child care program. We also wish to express our support of the final-form certification regulations Chapters 3270, 3280, 3290, and 3300 - - please reference regulation #14-506 (#2539).

The certification regulations update standards to help protect the health, safety, and rights of children in child care facilities. It is imperative that all child day care centers and group child day care homes, whether for-profit or non-profit, as well as family child day care homes, are covered by these regulations, in order to reduce risks to the well-being of our children.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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