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Subject: Proposed Child Care Facility Regulations

It is my understanding that members of the legislature are uncertain as to whether or not non-profit centers must be certified by the Department of Public Welfare. I also understand that religious groups are encouraging legislators to vote against certification of non-profit centers.

I am in favor of the final form regulations for Chapter 3270, 3280, 3290, and 3300.

Pennsylvania's children need to be protected. Regulating all child care centers is a necessary step in protecting children. Any center can file for non-profit status whether or not they are affiliated with a church group. Non-profit status has nothing to do with children's safety or quality child care.

Sincerely,

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