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Dear Ms. Lau:

I am writing today in regard to the proposed amendments to the PA Child care regulations. I am a Family Daycare Home Provider and two of the proposed changes are of great interest to me.

1. Program Plan

Child Care Providers, whether in the capacity of Center Directors or Home Providers, are not qualified to prepare a Program Plan for any child. Even school districts do not allow teachers or aides to do this. I have met teachers with 30 years of school district experience and a Masters Degree that feel they are not qualified to do this. They have school psychiatrists and guidance counselors and certified special ed. teachers that work together with a child's doctor, etc. to implement a Program Plan. I have recently attended meetings and conferences with The PA Child Care Provider's Union and other child care provider organizations that I belong to and this one issue alone has many of our valued and experienced colleagues threatening to retire or just leave the profession. We fear possible legal repercussions if we begin doing a Program Plan.

2. Shock Absorbing Material Under Playground Equipment

I ask that this one not change. I feel that the current standard works. If the change does pass, providers will only take away the equipment, leaving children with one less way to get exercise.

Yours truly,

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