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Alvin C. Bush, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Mr. Bush:

As the Director of the Child Care Information Services of Armstrong County, I am writing in support of Regulation #14-505 (#2549) Chapter 168 entitled Child Care.

The primary reason for supporting this change is that it will be beneficial to parents, providers and children participating in subsidized child care in Pennsylvania.

Parents will have one location where they will receive all the information about child care and this will include a wealth of information about the importance of quality care; what to look for and where to find it. The policies will be consistent as the family continues to use subsidized care.

Providers will have one location where they will sign their agreements, apply for ChildCheck, and the vendor pay system. They will have only one attendance invoice to fill out and send in each month and they will receive one check for payment. They will be encouraged to become certified and to participate in Keystone Stars.

Most importantly the children will benefit by having more consistent care, with more emphasis on quality.

Our CCIS Staff has been and continues to be educated on the importance of early quality care for children and how to convey this important message to parents and providers. We are therefore in full support of the Chapter 168 Child Care final form regulation and are hopeful that it will be supported by the IRRC.

We also support Regulation #14-506 (#2539) Child Care Facilities in the final form for Chapters 3270,3280,3290.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Spang
Director
CCIS of Armstrong County