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Subject: Public Comment on IRRC No. 2549

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kristen Erway and I am a Legislative Correspondent for Congressman Todd Platts. On behalf of Congressman Platts' constituent, Mrs. Robin Brown, I am forwarding the following e-mail to your attention. Mrs. Brown is concerned about regulation changes proposed by the PA Department of Public Welfare regarding standards at child care facilities. Please treat this as a timely public comment on IRRC No. 2549, Reg. No. 14-505 which is due to be discussed at the IRRC meeting on November 30, 2006. Mrs. Brown's e-mail is copied below.

Thank you in advance for you assistance on this matter. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 225-5836.

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My name is Robin Brown and I have worked for the YWCA of Gettysburg and Adams County for 21 years. During that time I worked in numerous capacities including Director of a middle/high school program (for 16 years) called Teen Time. Teen Time was a drug and alcohol prevention education program for Adams County Youth. I am currently a YWCA before/after school childcare program provider, based at a local elementary school. I have devoted a large portion of my life to supporting our youth and helping them to grow and develop responsibly.

I am writing you in support of the proposed regulations that protect the health, safety, and rights of children in daycare facilities.

These are some of the things I hope you will consider:

*Every childcare facility should be expected to make reasonable accommodations to provide care for children with special needs.

* Health Reports and screenings to include not only immunization records but screenings to include the presence of infectious disease, chronic conditions, illnesses, surgeries, injuries and allergies. It is extremely important that we are well informed of a child's present state of health so that we may take any necessary precautions to control the spread of

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disease and establish protocol with parents in the event of an emergency situation..

- * Please support less stringent timelines for updated health appraisals.
- * Please support biannual timeline health appraisals for childcare providers.
- * Support incorporating CPSC standards to make safer playgrounds and equipment standards.
- * To change regulations that a kindergarten child will be considered school age. However the ratio staff to child to remain at 1:10 with the higher demand of this age group a higher ratio will not allow quality time and meaningful teaching experiences.

Thank you for your time and interest in protecting the health, safety, and rights of our children.

Sincerely,
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