

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Hollie Centko and I am a licensed family child care provider in St Michael. I have been licensed for 11 years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

I have been doing. In home child care, for several years. When I tour my child care, I immediately let potential families know, while this is a child care, it is also my home. I left a center (after 13 years), to do in home because I wanted more.. I wanted to do what I love but also be home for my own family. One thing that I love about in home child care, is the integrated age groups. I have 4 grown boys of my own, 3 being special needs. I have to tell you, seeing my autistic, 17 year old, run up to the children in care and invite them to see his fish, or read them a story, or help them get a cracker... it's little, every day things that have become big things. I'm so afraid. If these new rules pass, I will lose everything that I love about in home child care and be stressed about if there is a dog hair on my carpet, if I've done my check lists 100 times for the day. The new rules are confusing and seem over the top, difficult to manage. I want to continue doing child care, teaching little mind and being blessed to have a job that allows me to do such. If these rules go through, I don't know that I can stay in child care. I already have so much paperwork and rules that can be changed, depending upon who's reading them. I can't imagine these new rules and how they will be enforced.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced and working with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Hollie

Licensed family child care provider of Saint Michael, MN

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Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is PattiJo McClellan and I am a licensed family child care provider in Corcoran ,Mn. I have been licensed for 36 years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced and working with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

PattiJo McClellan

Licensed family child care provider

Corcoran

Hello Representative Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn and Committee Members,

I am Brenda Hruza, a Family Child Care Provider in Mounds View (Ramsey County) for the past 33 years. I have been active with Ramsey County Family Child Care Association for the past 16 years and also on the Lead & Care Public Policy Committee for the past 8 years.

I have lead groups of providers in Ramsey County through each “public draft” with changes that would make this “fair for providers” while continuing to keep things “safe for children”. I have also been very active with Lead & Care Public Policy Committee to work through the entire “Legislative Proposal” with a list of instrumental amendments.

DCYF submitted their Legislative Proposal for Family Child Care Modernization (HF 4382) to the 2026 Legislative Session in February. Does that draft, address health and safety of children, child-centered and family-friendly and fair to providers, yes it does for the most part. There are still things that have been brought to the attention of DCYF by Lead & Care and other providers that have been overlooked through the stakeholder engagement. Providers need a statute that they can run their business successfully, abide by without major interruptions on a daily basis and feel that is fair from a “provider” standpoint. Lead & Care has submitted amendments that support provider engagement for the Legislative Proposal (HF 4382) that I feel need to be incorporated into HF 4382 to make this legislative proposal work.

If those amendments cannot be incorporated, it is imperative that Rule 9502 to put into statute this session. Years ago while attending a Tom Copeland workshop, he said these words that have stuck with me my entire Family Child Care Career....”Show me in the Rulebook where it says that!” Right NOW with Rule 9502 LOCKED any changes since the late 1980’s has been put into Statute 245A. Providers struggle to find all the Statutes we are required to know to run our business. This continues to set up providers for failure moving forward. This Modernization project needs to get finished this session **OR** 9502 needs to be brought into Statute so changes within the Rule/Statute can be made moving forward after this session ends.

This Modernization project has taken 5 years, put providers through 3 different drafts, lead providers to not trust DHS/DCYF during the engagement process and needs to be brought across the finish line in some fashion. Either HF 4382 **with** Lead & Care Amendments pass this session **OR** 9502 gets moved to Statute so work can continue with the new Statute of 9502. This is a huge project that affects over 5400 Family Child Care Providers, **LET’S GET THE JOB DONE**. We have lost over half the industry in the last 15 years, let’s not lose any more moving forward. We need to build up the most affordable option for Child Care and Minnesota’s working families in the state.

Thank you for your time.

Brenda Hruza

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**Date:** April 13, 2026

**Subject:** HF 4382 Testimony

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Brenda Novack, and I am a licensed family child care provider in Le Sueur County. I have held my family child care license for more than 30 years and currently serve as President of Lead & Care.

I respectfully request that you reconsider HF 4382 in its current form and adopt the amendments proposed by providers and provider associations before advancing this bill.

While I support modernization efforts, HF 4382, as written, contains several provisions that create unnecessary burdens and do not reflect the realities of family child care practice. Lead & Care's amendment proposals were developed through extensive provider input and practical experience in the field.

Specifically, I urge support for the following changes:

- Remove the requirement for mandatory 20-minute in-person infant sleep checks and return this to a recommended best practice. Current safe sleep practices are effective and this requirement adds burden without clear benefit.
- Revise behavior guidance language to allow age-appropriate supervised separation when needed for safety, rather than prohibiting separation for all children under age three. Young children sometimes need brief quiet space to regulate emotions.
- Remove the rigid requirement of three equipment activities per child and allow providers flexibility to use developmentally appropriate materials, including natural items such as sticks, rocks, and pine cones.
- Revise ratio provisions to better reflect the realities of mixed-age family child care. I appreciate the addition of infants and toddlers in the updated ratios, but I strongly support allowing one additional infant in the C2 category so it aligns with the C1 license. This adjustment would create greater consistency, better reflect real enrollment patterns, and help providers meet family needs safely and practically.
- Revise the firearm notification language. Requiring providers to disclose the presence of firearms in the home, even when they are legally stored unloaded and locked according to state law, creates unnecessary safety risks. Public disclosure of firearms may unintentionally make providers targets for theft or robbery, placing both families and providers at greater risk. Firearm policy should focus on safe storage requirements, not mandatory disclosure of their presence.
- Support the addition of a non-residential family child care category so providers operating in residential homes that are not their primary residence remain classified as family child care, not community-based programs.
- Remove ants from the pest definition, as occasional ants are common in older homes and can be responsibly managed without penalizing providers.

Family child care providers are committed to providing high-quality, safe care for children. Regulations should support that work, not create unnecessary barriers that make it harder for providers to stay in business.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued dedication to Minnesota children, families, and providers.

Sincerely,

Brenda Novack

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Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Dixie and I am a licensed family child care provider in northern Minnesota. I have been licensed for eight years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

Prior to being licensed I remodeled my basement to operate out of. Throughout the last couple of years, I have changed my program to focus on the outdoor play and learning, however, we spend meal times and naptime in doors. Living in the country I have a large area for play and exploration for an environment for children to learn about nature. If universal requirements are set in place for outdoor space, I may not be able to continue providing care as I cannot fence in all of our outdoor spaces that are utilized. If this bill passes it will very negatively affect my program to where I may need to shut down. As a family child care provider, we open our personal house and property for our families we provide for. My basement is kept at 64 degrees, if the requirement changes to 68 that bumps up my living space area to about 75 degrees. This isn't just our business but this is our home to my family as well. My basement is up to fire code and was remodeled to meet and exceed all standards that are in place. If additional requirements are passed, I may not be able to afford additional remodeling. A lot of these changes restrict child care providers in a way that hinders their care they provide and isn't in the best interest of the families we provide care for. I am not against changes, however they need to truly benefit the care and safety of our children such as additional trainings. I chose this career to support families in my community, in a community that is already struggling to find enough child care. If this passes it will negatively affect many, because many will have to close.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing this bill and work with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dixie Limanen

Licensed family child care provider

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Jamie Morgan, and I am a licensed family child care provider in Dakota County. I have held this license for 19 years.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider HF 4382 in its current form and adopt the amendments submitted by providers and provider associations.

Specifically, I would appreciate changes such as:

2) Capacity & ratios

a) Overnight care – defined beyond 'no sleeping'

b) Add "C" category (B1 ratio)

c) Supervision of license holder's own child from Draft 2

3) Training

a) Remove in entirety additional training for C3 & C4

b) Move providers who are trainers after additional training

c) Allow training not on DEVELOP with prior approval, (exception trainings to meet DCYF training requirements)

4) Attendance records & Firearms

a) Attendance records only for public funding, CCAP, ELS & Grants

b) Separate storage for firearm & ammunition

c) Policy:

i) Remove parent notification

ii) Add storage law requirements, not presence of firearms

d) Remove restriction of where stored, i.e. fire arm cases can be in child care area

e) Add additional professionals with work requirement to carry (security)

## Lead & Care Amendment List for Modernization Project 3.26.2026

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f) Displayed with firing pins removed or trigger lock

g) Emergency situation uses

5) Behavior Guidance

a) Remove “time out” terminology, replace with separation

b) Remove under age 3 must not be separated, replace age appropriate

c) Adding ‘age appropriate’ to #5

d) Remove restriction of confinement to cribs & high chairs.

6) Smoking on premises

a) Remove notification of outdoor use during non-care hours

7) Activities & equipment

a) Remove 3 activities

b) Add current wording

8) Agency 3.24.2026 Remove Required 20-minute infant checks

9) Agency 3.24.2026 Meals served

a) Remove: meet reimbursement standards

b) Add definition of what qualifies as ‘balanced’

10) Swimming pool

a) Removal of high-level, additional training

12) Supervision Sub 46.30x

a) Remove “without aid of a mechanical electronic device”

13) Variances return to county level, not the state

14) Electric fences

Ensure removal of restrictive wording and replace with wording to allow for supervision.

15) Remove sanitizing food preparation area

16) Return of license – remove destroyed

11) Other reporting

a) Person moving out of home – revert to current 30 days, not the 10 days

b) Medical treatment reporting clarified to not include general visits, define ‘treatment’

12) Include ‘cold & air quality’ to extreme heat preparations

13) Water tables – remove ‘wading area’

Thank you for your time, attention, and dedication to Minnesota families and child care providers.

Sincerely,

Jamie Morgan

Lots-a-Luv Childcare

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance Policy,

I am a family child care provider. I reside in Freeborn County in Minnesota. I have had my licensed in home daycare for over 30 years. I have seen many changes in my profession but nothing like these proposed changes, many which I feel are unfair and unreasonable to providers. Daycare is a much needed and underrated service to thier communities. We work many hours while receiving no benefits. I have missed occasions with my own family to provide reliable service to my daycare families over the years. I fear this vital service may be at risk with this bill. For those that have not had a daycare please keep in mind how much time we already are putting into providing quality care for our children. We do not need more paperwork. We do not need excessive cleaning and sterilization, among other things to provide quality care for children.

I will list a few other things I feel are unreasonable in this bill.

1. Micromangement of everyday operations.
2. Unrestricted parent access to licensed areas in our homes.
3. More required written policies.
4. Mandated car seat training for all, even if not transporting children.
5. Reporting even when children are not even in daycare.
6. Providers could possibly be shut down based on speculative risks only.
7. The language is vague stating if there is reason to believe a claim against a provider DCYF is allowed to demand medical or mental health documentation without just cause.
8. The illness policy seems to be overreach.
9. Physical space mandates are unreasonable.
10. The language on children with special needs is alot for providers.

Alot included in this bill seems to be undue control. It takes the caring, common sense approach away from providers, and the families we serve. Please work with providers to develop reasonable regulations to protect children while not endangering quality daycares to possibly close.

I ask you to please include this email into the committee packets.

Thank you,  
Sue Madson

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Alisha Hoekstra and I am a licensed family child care provider in Alexandria. I have been licensed for 14 years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

I love being a family childcare provider. The kids I'm blessed to spend my days caring for become family, & their families become families. I also love how this job benefits my own family. As a person with an autoimmune disease, & a child with a severe heart condition, being able to be in our home while I work has been a blessing. These proposed changes would threaten my ability to be able to continue in this profession though. Especially the outside/playground requirements. Fencing in our entire yard, & other changes needed would be a financial hardship that would not be worth continuing childcare for. And forcing us to follow MDH guidelines instead of having my OWN illness policy would put myself & my medical needs child at risk to illnesses (my current illness policy is stricter than MDH recommendations & all of my childcare families are more than happy to comply to those, as they care about my family's medical situation/health also.) Those would be the 2 things in the proposed changes that would guarantee me needing to leave this profession. But there are many of the proposed changes I think are unreasonable & unnecessary, and I know would cause a lot of providers to close their programs. With already having low family childcare numbers, pushing more providers to close with nitpicky new rules would be devastating for families across Minnesota.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced and working with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Alisha Hoekstra  
Licensed family child care provider  
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My name is Jill Mogensen, and I have been a licensed child care provider in Brandon, MN for 19 years. I greatly enjoy my work caring for young children and would like to be able to continue to do it for years to come.

I appreciate that DCYF has taken provider feedback and made some positive changes since the first draft of new standards. Still, significant concerns remain. The proposal goes beyond core health and safety requirements and includes numerous burdensome requirements.

Here are a few examples of specific concerns I have with the new draft:

-It calls for providers to write additional policies on various topics. For example, it would require a policy on preventing substance abuse that would impair an individual's ability to care for children. I am the only one caring for children in my family child care. I will refrain from substance abuse. I do not need to take time to write a policy on how I will refrain from it.

-It calls for all providers to serve only meals and snacks meeting federal food program requirements (whether or not they participate on the food program). Food program requirements are quite extensive and include things like what type of milk must be served for each age, having a whole grain served each day, and having two components (two food groups) served at each snack. Following this, if you served 2% milk to a child, you'd be going against a state licensing rule. Serving carrots and celery for snack would also go against the rule (because the snack wouldn't include two food groups).

-It calls for in person checks of sleeping infants every twenty minutes. This would take the provider away from the children who are awake and could potentially disrupt the sleep of the infant. Supervising the sleeping infant with a monitor should suffice.

-It proposes providers can not confine a child in a high chair or swing for convenience. If a provider needs to use the restroom or tend to another task and puts a toddler safely in a high chair with toys, it would seem they might then be considered to be breaking licensing rules.

There are many other concerns. They are too numerous to list in this email.

I am asking you to oppose HF4382 and, instead, work to modify family child care regulations in ways that will ensure children's health and safety while preventing Minnesota's child care providers from leaving the profession.

Thank you for your time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jill Mogensen  
Licensed family child care provider  
Brandon, MN

Good afternoon Chair and members,

My name is Courtney Greiner, and I am a childcare provider in Esko.

Providers, like myself, have shown up consistently throughout this process. We have read Draft 1, draft 2, and draft 3, given feedback, and worked to help shape something better.

And I want to be clear, this version is not enough.

There are still changes we would like to see, but more importantly, this draft continues to miss the deeper issues in our system.

Because the challenge isn't just the language.

This still builds a system that leaves room for interpretation, creates inconsistent enforcement, and maintains a power imbalance where providers are left feeling disenfranchised, burnt out, and unsupported.

This system doesn't actually improve care.

In many cases, it pulls time, energy, and focus away from children, without clearly preventing harm in a meaningful way.

So as you consider this bill, I urge you not to view Draft 3, Bill 4324, as a finished solution, but as a piece of the puzzle. We are asking that an additional puzzle piece be a Minnesota Board of Early Care and Education, one that is co-created, includes a diverse board of experts, and centered in providers.

A board like this would not just set standards once, it would continuously review, adapt, and improve them based on current research, real-world experience, and how children actually learn and develop.

Because childcare cannot be something we overhaul every 50 years.

It must be something we are constantly improving.

And without a structure like this, we risk remaining stagnant, continuing to rebuild systems that don't fully work, instead of evolving them in real time.

A provider-centered board prevents that.

It creates a system that evolves, because children are constantly evolving, and the system that cares for them should be evolving too.

Thank you.

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Date: 4/13/26

Subject: HF 4382 Testimony-**Regarding Clarity of Parental Authority in the Provider's Own Home**

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Joyce Berglund. I am a parent, a licensed Family Child Care provider, an educator, and an advocate from Carlton County. I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony today.

I would like to address a critical concern within the current modernization draft—specifically, the lack of clarity regarding a provider's ability to parent their own children within their own home.

At its core, this issue is about something deeply personal and fundamentally important: **the right of a parent/family to raise their own children, within their own home, without ambiguity or unintended restriction.**

In the current draft, the language states that 'consideration' will be given to providers parenting their own children. However, it does not clearly define **how** that consideration is applied. This creates uncertainty—not just in interpretation, but in enforcement.

As providers, we are left asking:

- What does "taking into consideration" actually mean in practice?
- How will this be interpreted by licensors across counties?
- What are we allowed—and not allowed—to do with our own children during licensed care hours?

This ambiguity puts providers in an impossible position. We are expected to comply with rules that are not clearly defined, while also being held accountable for how they are interpreted.

I want to bring your attention to **Draft 2, page 30**, where the Department previously included language that more clearly outlined this consideration. That language provided necessary clarity and reflected a legal perspective that, to our understanding, was established by DHS in 2024 but was not transparently communicated to providers at the time.

When that language appeared in Draft 2, it was both surprising and validating—it acknowledged what providers have been asking for all along: **clear, consistent, and transparent guidance.**

We are simply asking that this previously established and more clearly defined language be reinstated in the current bill.

This is not about changing the intent of the rule—it is about ensuring that the intent is **clearly understood, consistently applied, and fairly enforced.**

I also want to acknowledge that there appears to be support for this clarification in the Senate. Our concern now lies with ensuring alignment and understanding within the House, so that providers across Minnesota are not left navigating unclear expectations.

Family Child Care providers operate in a unique setting—we are both professionals and parents/families, often at the same time, in the same space. Any policy that governs this work must reflect that reality with clarity and respect.

Without clear language, we risk:

- Inconsistent enforcement across counties
- Increased stress and liability for providers
- And ultimately, a further decline in an already fragile child care system

Clarity is not a luxury in this context—it is a necessity.

I respectfully ask that you reinstate the clearer language from Draft 2 into the current bill to ensure that providers can confidently and safely care for both the children in their program and their own children.

At the end of the day, this is about trusting providers as both professionals and parents—and ensuring the law reflects that trust with clarity, not ambiguity.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to the children, families, and providers of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Amy Keller and I am a licensed family child care provider in Brainerd, MN. I have been licensed for 3 years, but have worked with children in multiple capacities over 10 years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

These changes would not only affect my in-home business, but the childcare and well-being of those in our community. The childcare industry is already hurting. Providers are already overwhelmed, knee deep in paperwork and requirements, pouring OVER 60 hours into the childcare profession. Let's not make it industrialized and harder. In-home childcare will never be the same as center care and there is nothing wrong with that. We love these little humans like our own and it takes a special person to do this day in and day out, let's be supportive and not restrictive.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced and working with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Thank you for your time.

My name is Erin Ellingsberg and I am a licensed family child care provider in Moorhead. I have been licensed for 19 years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

If this bill is passed as is it would cause many providers to leave the field of child care and make our operations for those who do choose to stay more difficult than it needs to be. It would just add more additional costs and strains to our profession.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced and working with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Patricia Schmidt Powers and I am a licensed family child care provider in Rice, MN. I have been licensed for 18 1/2 years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced and working with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Schmidt Powers  
Licensed family child care provider  
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Sent from my iPhone

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Tabytha Luikens, and I have been a licensed family child care provider in Savage for 27 years. I am writing to express my opposition to HF 4382.

While I support the provisions within the bill for additional license classes and expanded capacities, I am deeply concerned by the introduction of burdensome and vague regulatory changes. In its current form, these proposed standards do not demonstrably improve safety. Family child care is a unique and adaptable model, and I worry that these shifts in regulation risk driving experienced providers out of the field, further impacting the availability of care for Minnesota families.

I respectfully ask for your support of our state's child care providers and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced. I urge the committee to consider working directly with providers to develop practical, effective regulations that protect children while maintaining the long-term viability of our profession.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Jackie Dripps and I am a licensed family child care provider in Stevens County. I have held a license since 1991.

Please reconsider HF 4382 in its current form and make adjustments provided by providers and provider associations.

Specifically, I would like changes such as 1. Required 20-minute check on infants. There are no statistics that justify this is going to keep infants safe. 2. Inaccessible to all children in care would also make it inaccessible to me as a provider when some of the products I am required to use for my diapering area. 3. Remove immediately and replace as soon as possible. I may be tending to an infant's need and would not be capable to immediately. 4. Remove restriction or confinement to cribs and highchairs. AHT training teaches us to use these devices to not cause AHT issues. 5. Allow training, with prior licenser approval, to be counted for required hours. Not just Develop approved ones. 6. Remove Supervision Sub 46.30x without aid of a mechanical electronic device. 7. Variance should be done by the county licensers. Who knows the providers programs better? The state or county? 8. Use Draft 2 wording for providers own children. 9. Overnight care needs to be defined beyond "no sleeping".

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for all your efforts to make this better for our community.

Sincerely,

Jackie Dripps

Dear Members of the House Children's and Families Finance and Policy Committee,

My name is Catherine Maya and I am a licensed family child care provider in Shakopee. I have been licensed for almost 12 years.

I am asking you to oppose HF 4382, a bill that would make significant and harmful changes to family child care licensing standards. However, I am in favor of the additional license classes and capacities.

Many of the proposed changes will reduce the amount of time providers have to spend directly working with the children in their care - instead having to focus on paperwork. Many of the new regulations are not sustainable in a home environment and will be unfair to ask of providers. I know many providers who are ready to close their doors if these proposed changes come to pass. Additionally, the families in my care find the proposed changes to be unnecessary.

I respectfully ask for your support of Minnesota's family child care providers, children, and families by opposing HF 4382 as introduced and working with family child care providers to develop practical, reasonable regulations that protect children without driving providers out of the field.

Please include my testimony in committee packets.

Thank you for your time.

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