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Re: HF4278

Mister Chair and Committee Members:

My name is Cyndi Cunningham. I have been a Licensed Family Child Care Provider in St. Paul for 24 years and am the current Public Policy Chairperson for Minnesota Child Care Provider Information Network (MCCPIN), a 501c3 sitewide association for Licensed Child Care Providers.

I am writing on behalf of MCCPIN to support HF4278.

This study is critically needed. The last gathered information is around 10 years old and updated information is needed. In fact, we could use it right now!

There are many discussions happening based on statements regarding the industry with this very old information. The decisions being made cannot be appropriately made to solve a problem which has shifted over the years. Money is being appropriated on this old information. We can guess it will make a difference but we won't know without a full comprehensive study.

COVID-19 has greatly impacted childcare, and we know that many dynamics have changed.

Over the past years, Licensed Family Child Care has diminished by half. Half of a sector is no longer available for supporting families and our communities. Why? What can be done to support the industry? Again, we can guess, we cannot know without a full comprehensive study.

Please support this bill to allow for accurate evaluation of the Early Childhood field and therefore, enable legislative and community actions to accurately support this field.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Cunningham