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Mister Chair & 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.

MCCPIN is grateful for the work this committee and all legislators have done to support all essential workers including child care during this time of crisis. Legislative process is always a challenge. Under these life challenges, including your own personal ones, it has been heroic. Thank you.

Coming into compliance with the Fed Block Grant is critical. Loosing Federal monies by not complying was never a good status. Families and provider will need support now more than before COVID-19.

Last week with this committees work to raise rates and now HF3737 to meet the requirement for Licensed Family Child Care will move us forward in that endeavor.

Family Child Care as an industry does not seem to accept change easily. I assume this change in training will meet resistance by some. It is however it is necessary to come into compliance.

This language providing a shortened course will make it more manageable to meet this expectation. We appreciate this training option. We are asking that this training also be available in the on-line forum as many trainings are for ease of access.

We have raised the need for training time frames with Rep Pryor and DHS and ask that this be included in final legislation.

We are asking DHS to implement the year of 'technical assistance' which has been afforded in previous changes to our licensing standards. This will allow providers time to adjust their business practice and have all substitutes trained.

Thank you for your time and investment in Early Childhood.

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