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Case No. 15-17 (Text Amendment – Child Development Homes)
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Statement of Support

I am writing to support the text amendment to allow Expanded Child Development Homes for up to 12 children. My name is Juan Gomez, and I am a parent living in Ward 4. My child attended *Little Angel's Child Development Home* for 1 year. Currently, the program can care for up to 6 children, but this change will allow the program to have up to 12 children.

This is a very important step for several reasons. First, child care openings are at a premium in DC, and this would provide 6 additional spots to families that need childcare options in the city. Second, this would increase the salaries of the *Little Angel's* staff, which is well-deserved for the amount of work that childcare entails; as the cost of living in DC continues to rise, the folks working with our children should be provided with higher salaries to continue to live and work in DC. Third, I firmly believe children should have the opportunity to learn more than one language when they are young; *Little Angel's* provides instruction in Spanish which is a superb opportunity for children to become familiar with an additional language at a young age. Finally, the folks at *Little Angel's* are caring, nurturing, and have invested a huge amount of time to ensure that children in their facility are happy, comfortable, and have fun while learning!

Please consider allowing Little Angel's to increase their capacity to 12 children.

Thank you,

Juan Gomez

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