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**To:** DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Cc:** Julia Ruiz  
**Subject:** Statement of Support for Expanded Child Development Homes

To whom it may concern,

I, Corey Lazar, am writing in support of the text amendment to allow Expanded Child Development Homes for up to 12 children. I am a parent living in Ward 2. My 7 month old baby attends Julia's Home Daycare. Currently, the program can care for up to 6 children, but this change will allow the program to have up to 12 children.

This change is an important step because daycare options are currently very limited in DC. More young people are moving into the city and more are staying when they have children. It is a very hard transition for working mothers to bring their baby to daycare. A home daycare offers a sense of warmth and security that a school-setting daycare doesn't offer. I know this, because I have experienced both. I also know how difficult it was to find a daycare spot open and how lucky I felt when I swooped in and was able to pick up a spot in Julia's Home Day Care the very day there was a vacancy. That is an example of how quickly spots fill up. If home daycares could have just 6 more spots, it would help out so many parents. It might have even allowed me to have my 2 year old daughter be in the same daycare as my 7 month old son, which would be comforting for all of us. Additionally, a home daycare is much more affordable than a full time nanny and offers the benefit of some socialization without being overwhelming to the child. Most importantly, there just are not enough daycare options out there for parents who find themselves on waitlists for months, making unnecessary sacrifices ("do I remain on unpaid leave until I find daycare?"), which the text amendment could help alleviate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Corey Lazar

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