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Faces of Hope Child Development Center, Inc.

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Case No. 15-17 (Text Amendment-Child Development Homes)
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Suite #220
Washington, DC 20001

November 1, 2015

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

I, Shirley Cox, am writing in support of the text amendment which will allow Expanded Child Development Homes to care for up to 12 children. My name is Shirley Cox, and my child development facility is in Ward 7. My business has been in operation for four years. This change will allow me and other providers like me to care for more children in our programs, thus helping more families have peace of mind when they go to work.

This is a very important step because.

- Quality child care is the number one consideration for working families. For parents with multiple children they can drop their children in one location and not have to worry about finding accommodations at another site.
- This economic advantage will allow us to hire and pay employees a living wage as mandated in the Living Wage Act of 2006.
- As licensed providers we will be in compliance with DCMR-29 and other provisions of the law as outlined by OSSE (Office of the State Superintendent of Education).
- There is minimal impact to the community and the neighborhood. Most parents do not arrive and leave at the same time so the concern with traffic congestion is negligible.
- Children are outdoors for an hour a day. The noise the children make as they play can hardly be characterized as noise pollution.
- The benefit to families and the community as a whole include children being cared for in an environment which fosters a foundation for growing and learning that will last a lifetime.

I trust that the commission will take into consideration the potential long term benefits as they deliberate the merits of this amendment.

Thank you.

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