



April 14, 2025

Tanya Torres Trice
Interim Director
Child and Family Services Agency
200 I Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Zoning Case 24-19 (Text Amendment to Subtitle B, Section 100.2, definition of Youth Residential Care Home to include foster children up to age 20)

Dear Interim Director Trice:

As the Executive Director of Sasha Bruce Youthwork, I am writing to support Child and Family Services Agency's (CFS) petition to amend the zoning definition of a youth residential care facility to include foster children who are under the age of 21.

CFS is the District's agency that is responsible for child welfare and for the care and placement of the District's foster children. Foster children may remain in foster care until their 21st birthday which provides older foster youth the opportunity to develop life skills and access housing and other supports to assist them in transitioning to adulthood.

This will align the zoning regulations with District law and allow group homes for foster children to continue serving foster youth up to the age of 21.

Sasha Bruce is one of the agencies that provides group home care to foster children, so I know how important this change will be to align with the needs of the young people

Please let me know if I can help in any other way.

Best,

Debby Shore, Executive Director