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The mission of the Minnesota Child Care Provider Information Network (MCCPIN) is to support, promote and strengthen the profession of licensed family child care, thereby enriching the lives of providers, children, families, and communities.

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RE: HF2003: Family Child Care Task Force recommendations implementation

Mr. Chair & Committee members.

My name is Cyndi Cunningham. I have been a Licensed Family Child Care Provider in St. Paul for 25 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. I served as the MCCPIN representative on the Family Child Care Task Force over the past two years.

I am testifying in support of HF2003 for MCCPIN which implements the 2-year work of the Family Child Care Task Force. The bill is long and detailed, I will be brief in my testimony.

I testified at the beginning of the session that the work of the Task Force is the work which legislative action in these areas should be based on. The bill presented is based on the report of the work on the 8 Duties the legislature state were to be addressed. The Task Force was the compilation of many entities involved in Family Child Care including providers, business supports, government agencies and advocates. These entities have not worked together in such a deep and broad fashion.

This work stretched us all to consider aspects we often were not aware existed and to work together in a manner which rarely is seen. Little was left to question as everyone dug in to research information and present solutions which are most likely to work in all areas affected.

Please support the passing of HF2003.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Cunningham  
MCCPIN Public Policy Chairperson