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To Whom It May Concern:

 I have been a licensed Child Care Provider for 31 years in Southwestern Minnesota.

I totally support the bill HF 3403 Group Family C3 license

In my option it would.

 **Help make hiring someone to help with the additional children an actual viable business option.**

**Help ease the infant / toddler crisis in Minnesota**

* Example if a child has been with the provider from infant and the family has another sibling (baby) since the provider is allowed so few under school age in the preschool group due to children ageing up if all the spots are filled the provider would have to let someone go. This bill would help keep all siblings together as a family unit.

**School agers**

* Example some children are home alone before, after school and non school days it is difficult for parents to find part time care for the school age children if this bill would pass it would also benefit the families to know that their children are going to have balanced meals be safe and be part of secure learning environment for the day or few hours that are needed instead of being unattended.

**The parents of Minnesota entrust us with their most precious treasure their children!**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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