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Thanks for the chance to share my experiences with you as you consider SB 312. For seventeen years, I was part of a community group that started one of the state's largest childcare centers located in Pittsburg. I served as the Executive Director of a non-profit that was licensed by KDHE for over 200 kids. Additionally, I worked with hundreds of home and community based child care providers in fifteen counties to keep child care open, to improve the quality of that care, to connect folks in the field to improve professionalism and to educate communities on the importance of early investment.

This loophole that you are addressing has been around since I started this work in 1995. I distinctly remember asking my county health official...are you kidding me?

I urge you to support this bill. It's straight forward, it closes a loophole and it creates a stronger safety net for babies, toddler and preschoolers...my favorite Kansans.

This isn't a bill that creates more government. It just closes a loophole. As a former provider, this is a fairness issues, it's a safety issue, and it's an opportunity to improve the quality of the care our little kids receive.

I would be happy to visit with you about the specifics of this bill and my experiences from southeast Kansas.

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