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The Honorable Blanca Rubio
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5175
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RE: SUPPORT AB 2001 (Reyes)

Dear Assemblymember Rubio,

[Name of Organization] supports AB 2001 (Reyes), a bill that will provide needed consistency of services statewide and strengthen Family Child Care Home Education Networks (FCCHENs) in California.

Family child care increasingly meets the needs of families that work non-traditional hours such as weekends, evenings and rotating schedules. It provides a warm and nurturing child care setting for children while at the same time providing the opportunity for rich learning.

Family Child Care Education Networks provide an avenue to increase the quality of child care environments by enhancing this care setting beyond the basic requirements of health and safety afforded through licensing. This model of care has emerged in California on an “as needed” basis but is an important tool in improving the quality of child care opportunities statewide. Research shows that FCC providers affiliated with a community-based, agency-run support network that delivers services to providers (training and support) offers significantly higher quality care than unaffiliated FCC providers or providers in networks without specifically trained staff (Bromer et al 2009). Given that these independent small businesses do not otherwise have an infrastructure to support them, promoting the concept of Family Child Care Home Education Networks, which can provide a structure for professional development support and resources, would help build quality care in family child care home settings.

[OPTIONAL: Describe in 2-3 sentences what your organization does as FCC support]

AB 2001 takes a first step in providing for consistency in implementation of these programs statewide and is a valuable tool as we move forward in providing the highest quality of child care options for families.

We support the bill's core goals to:

- Support career development pathways for FCCHEN Providers
- Require the use of tool designed for Family Child Care specifically in the assessment of quality for the program
- Align the wide array of FCCHEN programs around the state to build a more standard model which could be expanded.

For these reasons, [name of organization] supports AB 2001 and we urge your “Aye” vote.

Sincerely,

[Name and Title]

[Organization]

CC: Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes