

Testimony of Danielle Hogness

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I am the owner of Camryn's Clubhouse LLC. Currently, we are the only preschool and daycare center located in Sargent County. I rent the daycare building from You Inc.

At this time, we have 57 children enrolled and 15 employees. In order to keep the tuition cost at a reasonable amount for the families and the hourly rate for employees at a livable wage, we need our expenses to be as minimal as possible. You Inc has been able to rent the building at a very reasonable rate. This has greatly benefited the business as well as the families & staff at the center.

A daycare center is not like a grocery store or any other business in town. You cannot simply head to the next town over for daycare services. Every town in our area is experiencing a daycare crisis. Families are having to travel many miles out of their way every day to find care for their children if they can find any at all.

We cannot risk the closure of our daycare center. The center is not only a huge asset to our community but to our county as a whole.

I, along with many others would like to see ND Century Code 57-02-08 (36) a more workable solution for daycare centers. Please consider looking into this issue and making the changes necessary to allow YOU Inc and others to qualify for the exemption. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Danielle Hogness, Owner of Camryn's Clubhouse, Milnor, ND.