

Hello & Good Evening Everyone,

My name is Angie Neigum. I have been a licensed childcare provider for 12 years in Bismarck with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a history of working with children professionally for over 15 years.

I am a member of the Association for Better Childcare also known as ABC, a trainer for Childcare Resource & Referral and am currently on a North Dakota State Committee revising childcare training.

I am using this opportunity to speak to you on behalf of concerned providers regarding the proposed changes such as certain omissions, additions, clarifications of terminology and legality issues concerning the rules and regulations. The proactive approach by your committee and the willingness to meet with us this evening is very much appreciated.

It has been a long process of discussions, negotiations and compromises. And as a result, we are in support of the proposed rules and regulations.

Since our #1 goal of being a provider is the safety and welfare of all children, we are excited for opportunities to work with your committee on future revisions.

In closing, I would like to extend a special thank you to the childcare providers for their support in advocating for children and our childcare profession. We would like to express a sincere expression of gratitude to the Administrative Rules Committee for your time, effort and willingness to listen.

Thank You.