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Testimony Concerning Support For:

SB490: State Boards, Commissions, Task Forces, and Workgroups-Elimination of Citizenship Requirements and Establishment of Diversity Requirements

Good morning, my name is Dana Miller. I have owned and operated a childcare Center in Prince George's County for over 25 years. I am also an early childhood education advocate.

I'm excited to see that SB90 recognizes the critical role of early childhood educators by advocating for their inclusion on the board. Research consistently shows that birth to age five is the most crucial period for brain development, and early childhood educators are at the forefront of shaping young minds. The Board of Education values our work, parents understand the importance of our role, and doctors acknowledge the profound impact we have on children's growth and well-being. Our expertise ensures that children in our care are nurtured, supported, and given a strong foundation for the future. That alone should be more than enough reason for us to have a seat at the table.

Thank you,

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