



**Testimony Concerning HB 136- Child Support Enhancement-  
Occupational and Recreational Licenses-Taxpayer Identification  
Number**

**Submitted to Judiciary**

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**Position: Support**

The Maryland State Family Child Care Association (MSFCCA) is an all-volunteer non-profit association advocating on behalf of all family childcare programs in Maryland. These small businesses are a vital part of the childcare delivery system in Maryland and these businesses continue to decline. In 2019, there were over 5,600 family childcare programs, now there are just over 4,400 family childcare programs. The reduction in childcare programs has left working families with fewer childcare options, especially families looking for infant and toddler spots.

Historically, many family childcare programs are started by young mothers, and some are immigrants or soon to be immigrants without Social Security Numbers. Many providers without social security numbers are left to open unregistered/unlicensed programs that does not go through criminal background check or the licensing regulatory process. Children Health and Safety are a big concern for unlicensed/unregistered programs in Maryland.

Allowing providers with Tax Identification Numbers to continue to work in the child care industry OR become licensed/registered would increase the number of childcare

providers that are paying state and federal taxes benefiting society as a whole and also increase the number of safe child care choices for working families.

I would like to respectfully ask for a favorable vote on HB 136- Child Support Enhancement- Occupational and Recreational Licenses- Taxpayers Identification Number. Your favorable vote would help childcare providers who wish to get licensed which in turn benefit families and communities supporting Maryland in our continued economic recovery.