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Favorable – HB 662

Large Family Child Care Homes and Child Care centers – Child Care Teachers – Minimum Age

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 662 that helps to improve access to childcare for Maryland families. Currently there are well-trained students graduating from high school CTE programs that are unable to enter the workforce purely as a function of their age. Current laws preclude 18-year-old graduates from being a family child care teacher until their 19th birthday. HB662 sets the minimum age for a family childcare teacher at 18. All other requirements for licensing and certification remain the same.

This bill is a product of the Women Legislators of Maryland ongoing subcommittee on high-quality, accessible childcare.

I respectfully request a favorable report on HB662.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton