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HB 477: Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers – Adult to Child Ratios – Alterations

My name is Chief Robert Phillips, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in opposition to **House Bill 477: Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers – Adult to Child Ratios – Alterations**

The MSFA is in opposition to this bill as we feel it will not provide the needed staffing to properly care for the children during an emergency. In a "family child care home" you could have 4 children under the age of 1 year and another 4 under the age of 2 years with only 2 people to take care of them in an emergency. In this case it would take more than one trip to remove the children from the emergency and require re-entering the structure to save all the children. In a "large family child care home" it is possible to increase these numbers with the same result. We at the MSFA feel that this alteration is not in the best interest of public safety.

The MSFA asks that you return a NOT-FAVORABLE vote on HB 477

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have

Respectfully:

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