



Testimony Concerning HB389 - Property Tax - Day Care Centers,  
Child Care Homes, and Child Care Centers

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Position: Support

The Maryland State Family Child Care Association (MSFCCA) is a non-profit association advocating on behalf of registered family child care providers and large family child care providers in Maryland. These small businesses are a vital part of the child care delivery and the early education system in Maryland. Family child care offers a unique learning environment, flexible enough to meet each child's needs individually and the special relationships formed by children of various ages in family child care enhances the learning experience for all.

Most family child care providers and large family child care homes are owned and operated by women, many of whom are minority and single income families.

Currently, Maryland is experiencing a child care crisis, especially for those families who have children under the age of two (2) with many leaving the profession daily. There are several reasons for this mass exodus, one of which is financial instability.

HB 389 removes: ***[is substantially completed after July 1, 1987, if that portion of the improved property]*** and increases the tax credit from \$3,000-\$10,000. These changes would have positive financial impacts on family child care providers and large family child care homes.

Maryland has been a consistent leader in early care and education policy and giving HB 389 a favorable vote will be a step forward in saving an industry that is vitally important to Maryland families and the economy.

MSFCCA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this legislation and welcomes any questions or comments. Feel free to contact Rebecca Hancock, the MSFCCA Vice President of Public Policy at (240) 299-0222 (cell), (301) 934-4445 (home), or [kaysplayhousechildcare@gmail.com](mailto:kaysplayhousechildcare@gmail.com) to answer any questions concerning this testimony.

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