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Hello,

My name is Susana Alvarado, and I am the owner of Luv 2 Learn Preschool #2 in Los Angeles, California. I have been serving families in my community for over 20 years, providing safe, nurturing, and affordable childcare.

I am writing to express serious concern regarding proposed building code changes that may require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in existing childcare facilities.

As a small childcare provider operating in a leased property, I do not have the financial capacity to install a sprinkler system. Additionally, the property owner is also unable to take on the significant cost associated with such upgrades. These types of requirements place an overwhelming burden on small businesses like mine and could ultimately force us to close.

Childcare centers already follow strict safety regulations under Title 22, including supervision, emergency preparedness, fire drills, and safety inspections. While I fully support the importance of safety, imposing costly structural upgrades without financial assistance or exemptions for small providers creates an unfair hardship.

If these requirements are implemented without consideration for small childcare businesses, it will reduce access to childcare for working families in our communities. Many providers like myself serve low- to moderate-income families who rely on affordable care.

I respectfully urge the Commission to:

- Consider exemptions or alternative compliance options for small childcare facilities
- Provide financial assistance or grant programs to support required upgrades
- Evaluate the economic impact on small, community-based childcare providers before finalizing these regulations

Please ensure that the voices of small childcare providers are heard and that policies do not unintentionally harm the very communities we serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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