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To Whom It May Concern

I-4 Occupancy

Fire sprinkler requirements for small childcare facilities are killing small businesses.

Affordable and quality childcare is in need, and this fire code is single handedly preventing childcare owners from opening or expanding their businesses.

The cost of installing fire sprinklers is one that small business owners cannot afford.

The time taken to get the fire sprinkler plans approved is another dilemma.

If all other fire preventive measures are in place, the fire sprinkler requirements for I-4 occupancy should be waived. (Especially if the number of infants is less than 4 and the total capacity of kids ages 0- 12 is less than 50.)

The fire codes should trickle down to the grassroots level, including local fire authorities.

My question is whether research has been conducted to see how many childcare facilities have gone up in flames during the past 10 years, versus the cost/time to install.
Next, the question is whether the fire sprinklers have saved a building less than 5,000 sq. ft.

If the answer is no to either one of the questions, how can you justify the enormous amount of money and time spent (red tape) on fire sprinklers by small childcare providers?

The progress of any society or country depends on common sense rules and regulations.

The safety of children is my utmost priority, but rules, codes, and regulations that do not make any sense///

I do not want to spend any more of my time writing, as I do not know if anyone will even look at my email.

God Bless America

Concerned Taxpayer.