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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: HB5287-AAC Licensure Of Facilities That Provide Temporary Care To Children With Minor Illnesses

I am writing as a concerned parent in the community. My husband and I are working parents with two small children. Both children are in daycare full time. Needless to say there are several days a year in which our children are ill. It is very difficult to find care for them during these times. My husband and I try to take as many days off as possible. We also rely on family members for help. However, it is extremely stressful and difficult to continue on this path. It has worsened with the birth of our second child, as now the days we need for sick childcare have doubled. I would give anything to have a safe place to bring my children on sick days.

I think allowing an urgent care daycare facility would be an asset to the community. I have read of such places and have always wished Connecticut had one. By Connecticut state law, I cannot bring my sick child to a regular daycare, nor would I want to. However, I do know many parents give their children Tylenol and send them off to daycare because they have no other option. This upsets me because it puts my children at risk for the next illness. I know if there was a place that sick children could be brought safely and comfortably, many parents, including myself, would take full advantage of it. It would be so wonderful to know on days my child/children are sick we could go to work and not have the added stress of running around at seven in the morning scrambling to find quality care.

Working is a part of almost everyone's life. My husband and I both need to work in order provide for our family. When our children are sick, it makes going to work extremely difficult. It would be very helpful to have a place to take them during these times.

Please consider this as an option to better your community, one which is full of parents who work full time and could really benefit from it.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request,

Fondly,

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