March 4th, 2019

Dear Chairs Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, and all Ranking Members of the Education Committee;

I am writing to you to urge you to support House Bill 7250 –

**An Act Concerning the Improvement of Child Development Through Play.**

My reasons for supporting this bill are that, as a mother and a grandmother, I believe that it is imperative for very young children to be able to develop through social interaction with other children where they can freely associate – of course with unobtrusive supervision – but without adult direction.

Learning to be independent, share and interact with others are basic skills that foster creativity and problem solving. I am convinced that these skills are best learned while very young and, as with all learning, this takes time.

Fifty minutes of play time would help achieve this important goal in our children’s education.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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