

Dear Council Members:

I implore you NOT to pass executive order No. 122-20, there is substantial evidence to show that daycare centers have reopened safely. If you decrease childcare capacity you will most certainly negatively impact our children.

My daughter's social skills and overall well-being decreased precipitously during the lockdowns last spring. Approving this order will basically shutter her daycare facility or at worst cause parents to fight with each other to see if their kid can be one of the six to remain in the class. I am not clear what daycare facility could function with only six kids per class, it would be cost-prohibitive to operate.

I implore all of you NOT to pass this order, it will cause tremendous harm to the citizens of Montgomery county, cause others to lose their livelihood caring for their small children. This order is cruel and the downsides vastly outweigh the benefits. Please put our children first and allow them to be cared for in a safe but reasonable number. Many of us have abided by all social distancing and mask-wearing rules, we have continued to act in good faith and beg you all to do the same.

Thank You,

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