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Concerned working mother of 2 in daycare

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< To: county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov

Hello,

I am writing regarding the Council's potential action on a Resolution approving Executive Order No. 122-20, COVID-19 Local Order. It is my understanding that the City Council is considering reducing capacity at daycares, but considering opening escape rooms, allowing ice rinks to open, continuing to allow outdoor sports to operate, among other things.

This is a terrible idea. Working parents have no other option but to send their kids to daycare. If I lose my daycare spot, I will have to quit my job or take an unpaid leave of absence. Not only does a policy of reducing childcare disproportionately impact women, it hurts the economy and hurts families. It is also despicable that the City Council is prioritizing escape rooms and other non-essential businesses and activities over my right to continue working with childcare.

Without childcare, the economy falls apart. Without childcare, some women are forced to quit or take a leave of absence, setting the women's right movement back decades.

Please -- keep childcare facilities open! Close the non-essential, leisurely businesses if you need to control the virus. Do not blame the cautious, careful, risk-averse working parents on the high community-spread of COVID19. Our daycare takes many precautions, including mandating masks for everyone over 2 years old. Our daycare is already operating at reduced capacity, and I am terrified that they will not survive this pandemic.

Thank you.

A concerned resident of Potomac.

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