

EXPEDITED BILL 23-25

I'm a Child Care Provider serving Montgomery County since 2008. This is the first program that I have seen to make such a great impact on our community in such a short period of time.

Child care providers felt heard and included in this legislation when it was first created three years ago, but this feels like a targeted message to child care educators that we cannot be as connected to COA as we may want to be. We have felt heard and included in the decision making process with COA and we don't want that to change.

It is critical that COA maintain a 360-degree view of the sector and pilot new ideas and fill the gaps that can be supported by philanthropy and an independent nonprofit that can be more nimble and quick compared to our government partners.

COA was created as an independent nonprofit, to coordinate efforts and be a multiplier – to amplify efforts already underway and work to address and identify gaps, which is what COA has done for the past three years.

I look forward to working as a Child Care Provider to continue to work with COA in the setting that has already worked for us Child Care Providers. No Change is Necessary!

Thank you for your time,

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