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Assembly Member Alex Lee, Chair  
Committee on Human Services  
1020 N Street, Room 124  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1401 (Blakespear): Family childcare home: United States Armed Forces-Support**

To the Honorable Alex Lee:

I am writing to express The City of Vista's strong support for SB 1401 (Blakespear), which exempts certain family childcare homes administered by U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) certified family childcare providers in the United States Armed Forces from existing state licensing and regulation provisions. This bill is crucial in ensuring access to quality childcare for children of eligible federal personnel and surviving spouses..

Existing laws regulating child daycare facilities are important for ensuring the safety and well-being of children in these settings. However, there are circumstances where exemptions are warranted to facilitate access to childcare services for specific populations, such as military families. Military families often face unique challenges related to frequent relocations and deployments, making it essential to provide flexible childcare options that meet their needs.

By exempting family childcare homes run by certified family childcare providers in the military from licensing and regulation provisions, SB 1401 acknowledges the valuable service and sacrifices made by our armed forces personnel and their families. This exemption not only supports military families in accessing reliable childcare but also recognizes the high standards of care and professionalism maintained by certified family childcare providers in the military.

The City of Vista urges you to lend your support to SB 1401 and help ensure that military families have access to the childcare services they need. By passing this bill, we can demonstrate our commitment to supporting our military personnel and their families while upholding the highest standards of care for our children.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

John Franklin, Mayor

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