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Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

I understand the Amendment will be greatly modified so I can only submit these comments on the process and whether there is a need for a Commission including Early Childhood Education (ECE). I have worked in ECE since 1967 so have a personal view about how important community engagement is and how ECE has changed throughout the years.

I was shocked when I found out that an Amendment was being proposed that no one except a few high level officials knew about. María Su, when asked at an advisory meeting who knew about and developed the Amendment besides herself, said the Mayor's Office. Anything that will benefit the children and families as well as teachers and providers in ECE as well as other agencies has only come from a robust community process including parents and providers and community members. I can think back to the original CARES program in the late 90s to the recent Initiatives to gain dedicated funding for ECE. This did not happen.

Also the Coordination and Administration of ECE has evolved throughout this time from being part of an agency where many of us felt overlooked to the proposed DEC which I feel will benefit those working in the field, families and children. We do not need another bureaucracy "coordinating" our ECE agencies.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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