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Dear Friends:

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As a professional involved with the issues which affect the welfare of our county's children, I thought you would appreciate an update on the family day care pilot project currently operating in Ventura County.

As you may know, this family day care pilot project, originally provided for in Senate Bill 19 (1989), permits licensed childcare providers to service two school-aged children in addition to their current licensing limits of 6 or 12. Recent statistics, compiled by Ventura County's Department of Children Services, clearly show that this project has been extremely successful in Ventura County, with nearly 45% of the providers participating, and creating nearly 1200 additional day care slots for school-aged children. Unfortunately, as you know, this pilot project is due to expire on June 30th of this year.

Given the detrimental effect this expiration would have on the efforts which have been made to address the latchkey problem in our county, you will be pleased to learn that I am now sponsoring Assembly Bill 3458. My bill would extend Ventura County's pilot project until December 31, 1993.

In addition, I have amended AB 3458 to adopt an "urgency clause," so that the bill can go into effect immediately, thus continuing the pilot project without any delays.

AB 3458 is currently pending before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, after unanimously passing the Assembly Human Services Committee yesterday. You can be assured that I will continue to keep you informed of this important measure's progress.

If I can provide information or assistance with other state matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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