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Jecorey,

I can't thank you enough for your championship of the child care land development code reforms. In anticipation of the full Council vote Thursday, I am sending the attached letter of support from the Ready for K Alliance to all Council members today along with the below message tailored for each of the conversations we've had. We're also issuing an advocacy action alert, running an op-ed in the CJ, working with speakers for Thursday, and continuing to make calls. If there are other ways we can assist, please just say the word!

Thank you!!

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We are grateful that Metro Council will be considering modest but vital Land Development Code changes to improve access to child care during the March 3 meeting. **Please see the attached letter of support from the Jefferson County Ready for K Alliance**, a collaborative network of more than 100 individuals and organizations committed to supporting children ages birth to kindergarten entry and their families.

We know these improvements are a first and foundational step in addressing our community's child care crisis, which is leaving families without care and employers without a workforce. These changes are tightly limited, prioritizing the resident experience while allowing the possibility for child care providers who meet robust local standards as well as comprehensive state licensing requirements to deliver essential services. Additionally, the improvements allow the opportunity for employers in industrial zones to provide site-based child care when meeting special environmental, safety, and zoning standards.

If you have questions or would like any additional information, please reach out to me anytime on my cell at 502-931-3132.

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