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Dear Friends *Jack*

Over the past year, you have expressed interest in Ventura's County's pilot project which would re-define the number of children who can be served in a family day care home. I thought you would appreciate an update on this important issue.

As you know, over the past three years, Ventura and Placer County have participated in a family day care pilot project. This project has allowed family day care homes to accept two additional school-age children. This program has played a key role in ensuring that Ventura County's school-aged children and their parents have access to quality child care. With this in mind, I am sponsoring Assembly Bill 265 which will allow Ventura and Placer County's successful program to apply statewide.

On Wednesday, April 21st, AB 265 was reviewed in the Assembly Human Services Committee. You may be aware that my bill passed with several important amendments. First and most importantly, the committee removed the provision which would expand the bill statewide. **However, the bill will allow Ventura and Placer County's pilot project to continue for two additional years.** In addition, the committee requested that one and possibly three more counties should be designated to participate. In other words, up to three more counties in California could be chosen to participate in the pilot project. You should be aware that at least one of the additional counties must be an urban county.

The committee also designated the Governor's Child Development Programs Advisory Committee to be the lead agency to complete a thorough study of all counties and their pilot projects. As you may know, complete and thorough information was difficult to obtain from both counties, and thus, some committee members felt that further evaluations were needed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this important bill, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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