



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1976

Dear John:

I want to thank you for your courageous and forthright vote to sustain my veto of H.R. 9803, the Child Day Care Services under Title XX of the Social Security Act.

I am firmly committed to providing Federal assistance to States for social services programs, including child day care. However, I am opposed to unwarranted Federal interference in States' administration of these programs. The Senate action yesterday in sustaining my veto will give to the States the necessary flexibility to establish and enforce their own staffing standards for federally assisted day care. This is in accordance with the basic principle of government important to all Americans -- the vesting of responsibility in State and local government and the removal of burdensome Federal regulations.

I urge the Congress to extend, until October 1, 1976, the moratorium on imposition of Federal day care staffing standards that it voted last October 2. This would give the Congress ample time to enact my proposed Federal Assistance for Community Services Act, under which States would establish and enforce their own day care staffing standards.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

The Honorable John L. McClellan
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