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*Governor's Small Business Regulatory Review Board*

July 19, 2007

The Honorable Robert Jauch  
JCRAR Senate Co-Chair  
Room 118 South, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

The Honorable Daniel LeMahieu  
JCRAR Assembly Co-Chair  
Room 17 North, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

Re: DWD – 56 Child Care Subsidy Rates  
CR 07-030 – Wisconsin Administrative Register No. 616

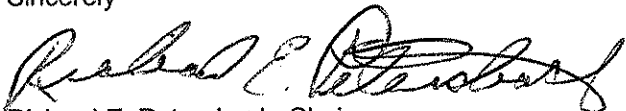
Dear Senator Jauch and Representative LeMahieu:

Wisconsin 2004 Act 145 created the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) to serve as a voice for small businesses as defined in Wis. Stats. 227.114(1). The SBRRB's statutory authority for review of new rules is contained in 227.14(2g) and contained in 227.24(3m) for emergency rules.

The DWD – 56 Child Care Subsidy Rates rule provides that the reimbursement rates paid to child care providers by the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy program will not be adjusted for year beginning January 1, 2007, and the rates effective on December 31, 2006, will remain in effect. On May 14, 2007 the SBRRB heard testimony from representatives of the child care industry that disputed DWD's assertion regarding the economic impact of the rule on small business. In exercising their statutory authority contained in 227.14(2g), the SBRRB submitted a letter to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) requesting that DWD perform an analysis of the economic impact of the rule on small business on a regional basis versus a statewide approach. The SBRRB further requested a re-evaluation of the methodology used in determining whether this rule will have significant economic impact on small business.

Attached for your review and consideration is a copy of the June 29, 2007 response received from DWD and the July 19, 2007 SBRRB follow-up to the DWD response. As Chairman of the SBRRB, I appreciate the legislative standing committees' review of these materials in their consideration of the impact of the rule on small business.

Sincerely



Richard E. Petershack, Chairman  
Governor's Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Enclosures

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