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To: Senator Arch and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

 From: Aubrey Mancuso, Executive Director

 Re: Support for LB 854

 All children deserve to be safe in their homes, schools and day c cares.Abuse or neglect in any of these settings is one of the worst things a child can experience and we should do everything we can to prevent children from being abuse and neglect in all situations.

Voices for Children supports LB 854 because it closes a loophole by ensuring that licensing is notified when there has been an allegation of abuse or neglect in a child care setting. This notification will help ensure that licensure has this relevant information to make informed decisions.

LB 854 is a simple change that helps better protect children in child care settings and we urge the committee to advance the bill. Thank you.