

Call Minister Lecce Template

Good afternoon,

My name is _____ and I am a (parent/educator). I am calling because I am concerned about the proposed regulatory changes to the Child Care and Early Years Act. I have also spoken to **[insert a number]** others in my community who are concerned about this. We are concerned that the Ministry of Education is proceeding with these changes, and I'm calling to ask that you stop the proposed changes to child care.

[Include your experience here] *For example; I am an early childhood educator, and I know first hand how important qualified staff are for the safety of children and the quality of our programs. The proposed changes to staff qualifications will increase the burden on ECEs and devalue their work with young children. We know these changes would negatively impact children and families in our communities who count on this government for quality early learning experiences.*

Or, As a parent in your community I am worried about the well-being of my children if the changes to age groupings and ratios are passed. We shouldn't be placing younger children in larger groups and with older children. This will compromise their health and safety, emotional well-being, and the quality of their learning experiences.

I know there are better other ways to address the current issues our sector is experiencing which better meet the needs of families, children, educators and our communities. We need you and the Ministry of Education to work cooperatively with the federal government and commit to funding a publicly funded universal child care system that ensures decent work for Early Childhood Educators, child care staff and providers.

Child care centres need to be safe, supported and funded. Our children, families and educators deserve no less.

Thank you.

**[If you want to review the proposed changes, or have a reference for during your call, you can have our analysis document ready:
https://www.aecce.ca/cceya_survey]**