Advocates for better child care standards deliver 5000-name petition to MPP's office

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A delegation of Windsor-area families, child care centre operators, and child care professionals will visit the office of Lisa Gretzky, MPP for Windsor West, on Tuesday. They will deliver a petition signed by some 5,000 Ontarians who are demanding a halt to government proposals to lower current provincial standards for licensed child care.

The government is imposing changes to regulations that pose potential safety risks to 12- to 18-month-olds, who will now be cared for alongside toddlers up to 2 years of age. The new regulations also hold serious implications for the progress of child development and will result in an overall reduction in number of infant child care places.

Unlike legislation, regulatory proposals can be made by the government in power following a 45-day comment period; the period for these proposals ends April 1.

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