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John Bel Edwards, Governor  
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January 10, 2017

The Honorable John A. Alario  
President of the Senate  
P. O. Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Senator Alario:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Residential Home" that was promulgated and published on page 1985 of the November 2016 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, November 10, 2016.

The proposed rule will allow the department to revise the child residential licensing standards to incorporate standards to protect the safety and well-being of children residing in residential homes with their parents and to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the children and residents of the state who are in out-of-home care on a regular or consistent basis.

DCFS held a public hearing on December 28, 2016 and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the February issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective March 1, 2017.

Please contact me at (225) 342-4044 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Rhenda Hodnett  
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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr., Chairman  
Senate Committee on Health and Welfare  
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The Honorable Taylor Barras  
Speaker of the House  
P. O. Box 94062  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Representative Barras:

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House Committee on Health and Welfare  
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