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## **Consideration of Petition PE1583**

Dear Ms. Robinson,

I understand the reasoning for the petition, particularly when children arrive to school by school transport. My initial reaction was that the time before school starts is the responsibility of parents, but I can see that when using school transport parental responsibility effectively stops when a child is put onto the bus, and this leaves a potential twenty or so minute window of unsupervised attendance of young children.

Given this situation, I agree with the premise of the petition and agree that some level of outdoor supervision is desirable in the circumstances where young children are being left unsupervised prior to school starting and where, due to transport arrangements, it is not possible for parents to supervise their own children.

Yours sincerely,

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