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To Whom It May Concern:

Sonia Rodriguez brought me a sense of peace and comfort when I left my child in her care on that first day almost three years ago. We have experienced our bad luck with home day cares, but that changed the first moment I walked into Ms. Sonia's house. My son was only 16 months then and he went right up to her and sat in her lap and felt at home. Words cannot begin to explain how that felt to know this other woman was going to love my child the way she would love her own. My son, William would never leave without giving her a hug, kiss and their "knuckles." The thing that counted the most was that he always told her he loved her walking out the door. That means something when a child will say that to their teacher. What a great feeling to know that my son was so loved by his peers and his teacher. Ms. Sonia has the time to spend with each child individually and she really gets to know them. She gets down on her hands and knees and plays with them. They always have a ball! My son's favorite time is music time. Thanks to her, I think my child will be musically inclined and a great dancer!

Being a teacher myself, it is very important that my child should learn even at this early age. I am still in awe of the things that my son would come home and tell me. It is the little things that she teaches them and the big things. My son is so very polite because of Ms. Sonia. He says, "Please, may I have some water." I was shocked the first time he said that! He was only barely 2 years old. You try to instill these values, but she just puts it into motion! She teaches the children Spanish and their colors and my son even knows all of his shapes.

I can continue to tell you how wonderful Ms. Sonia has been to us and to my son, but I don't have enough paper. She is a kind person and her smile lights up the room. I can only tell you from experience that she has been the *only* one to put my mind at ease when leaving my son in her care. She is the BEST! That should say it all.

Sincerely,

Chad and Tara Harpley