

**DOCUMENT 46 – COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. WM. D. BATTEY CONCERNING DAY-CARE**

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Dear Governor Green:

I am writing to you in regards to the closing of the wartime nurseries.

My daughter is in the Stockton Nursery, located at Montrose & Dover. All of the mothers there are terribly worried as to what to do now.

My husband is in the Marines and he's overseas in the Pacific. He doesn't expect to be home for 9 months or longer and there are probably other mothers in the same predicament. What can we do now? We've got to keep on working to keep our homes up. Or must we give up our homes and have our husbands who have given up so very much, come home to practically nothing.

Sure, the war's over but its not for many a wife and mother. We've still got to go on as before, depending on ourselves.

All of us mothers would like

nothing better than to stop working and  
to stay home with our children but

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as long as our men are gone, we've got  
to work.

I was actually stunned when I read  
that the nurseries were closing so  
soon after the war's over. Isn't there  
something that can be done about it?  
All of us mothers will be willing to  
pay more money if only they could  
remain open. We'll do all we can to  
help you if only you will help us.  
Please do something in this matter,  
please relieve our minds of this  
worry.

Hoping you take care of this situa-  
tion and thanking you so very much,  
I remain.

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