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This letter makes the FALSE claim that a complaint was lodged against our child care home. In fact, that never happened.

We self-reported a minor touching incident. Hennepin County smeared us, changing our self-report into a public announcement that they had received a complaint against us, but could not reveal who had complained. They made this up.

Dear Mr. Kauper:

No X On 6/27/06 Hennepin County Child Care Licensing received a complaint regarding your licensed child care home. The complaint alleged lack of supervision. An investigation was conducted by Hennepin County Child Protection. The child protection investigation is now closed. You should have received the results of that investigation from the child protection social worker. Never happened.

I attempted to call you on 7/19/06 to discuss this letter and our finding. Hennepin County Child Care Licensing has relied on the information gathered in the child protection investigation in making the following finding:

Lack of Supervision: Occurred.

Yes X The finding of lack of supervision relates to a children in your care being in a closet showing each other their penises. The licensing rule section governing supervision is found at 9502.0315, Subpart 29A. You are required to be within sight or hearing of children under school age and capable of intervening to protect their health and safety. You are required to be available for school-age children so that their health and safety is protected. Please review your practice in this area and make changes to assure safety of all children in care. This did happen. 2 or 3 minutes. We caught them.

Enclosed you will find two brochures for your review as well as a correction order. Please keep a copy of the correction order to post and for your records and send a copy back to your licensing worker.

Thank you for your cooperation with this investigation.

Sincerely,

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Later, on the phone, licensing staff told me that publishing a provider's self-report of an incident is normally written as a complaint against the child care provider.

She said this was standard procedure for thousands of cases. Licensing sees no problem in changing a "self-report" into a "complaint".

I find this appalling. MTX