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**The FFARIQ welcomes the introduction of the bill creating  
the position of commissioner for children's welfare and rights**

**Quebec City, October 26, 2023** - The Fédération des familles d'accueil et ressources intermédiaires du Québec (FFARIQ) welcomes the introduction of Bill 37, *An Act respecting the Commissioner for Children's Welfare and Rights*, presented today to the National Assembly by the Minister responsible for Social Services, Lionel Carmant, which responds to one of the recommendations of the *Report of the Special Commission on Children's Rights and Youth Protection* made public in April 2021.

The FFARIQ has long been calling for the appointment of such a children's ombudsman. We hope that they will be able to draw on a strong team and a broad mandate to promote and ensure the well-being of all children and respect for their rights.

Over the next few days, the FFARIQ will be carefully analyzing the various sections of this bill and sharing its comments with the Minister responsible for Social Services. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our desire to participate constructively in the upcoming specific consultations on this important piece of legislation.

"Today, the Quebec government is demonstrating its determination to protect and meet the needs of our children. In my opinion, however, this is a shared responsibility for all the people who surround these children. It takes a village to raise a child," says Geneviève Rioux, President of FFARIQ. "The Minister will be able to count on the collaboration and contribution of the FFARIQ in the creation of the Commissioner for Children's Welfare and Rights," she adds.

**About the Fédération des familles d'accueil et des ressources intermédiaires du Québec**

The FFARIQ was founded 50 years ago. In 2009, the FFARIQ became a resource association authorized to negotiate a collective agreement, which was signed in August 2012. Resources are our primary mission, but since children's well-being is their priority, the FFARIQ cannot help but advocate for the well-being of our children.

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