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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 August 2014 11:21  
**Subject:** Request for consideration of Childminders Allowance

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of Childminding Ireland. I am requesting that Childminders are given due consideration when allocating Water Allowances. Childminders are self-employed working from the family home (exempt from Business rates).

Childminders typically mind 4 children at any one time in the family home. An additional Water Allowance should be given in recognition of the additional demand on water.

Childminders are core to each local economy providing flexible Childcare to allow parents to return to work. They often provide services for below minimum wages and therefore cannot afford this additional expense.

If you require any additional information to inform the process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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