

TO: Human Services Committee

DATE: March 6, 2007

RE: Raised Bill No. 7302, An Act Concerning Rates Paid to Providers Under the Child Care Subsidy Program

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Lynn Zinker and I run a licensed in-home day care in West Haven. My day care has been in operation for 11 years.

I urge you to support Raised Bill No. 7302, **An Act Concerning Rates Paid to Providers Under the Child Care Subsidy Program**

Everyday is a new experience for a child, and my home is dedicated to the children and their learning. I take pride in my job and love being around the children. I discipline them, pick them up from the bus stop and make sure they walk safely back to my home. I even get down on the floor and play with the children and have just as much energy as they do.

I love my job, but I sometimes have trouble making ends meet. My health insurance costs me over \$300 a month. It's important that I stay healthy so I can continue to be active and playful with the children.

Reimbursement from the child care subsidy program, Care 4 Kids, at rate that is equal to the average reimbursement rate as determined by the most recent child care market rate survey, will ensure that in-home day care providers offer consistent care. Allow providers to work with the State to make our early education system better by voting yes towards this Bill. Please support Raised Bill No. 7302.

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