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Louis P. Esposito  
State Representative  
116<sup>th</sup> District  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford CT 06106-1591

Dear State Rep.,

I am a small business owner. I have run a Licensed Daycare Home for 11 years in CT. During this time I have paid from \$244.00 to a current rate of \$311.66 per month for HEALTH CARE INSURANCE. This does not include dental or vision care. **Due to the fact that Daycares have to charge less than minimum wage, we do not have excess liquid cash to use for this purpose.** It is unfortunate that many qualified providers have to quit because they cannot afford the health care costs. This leaves you with some unqualified providers in less than ideal environments taking care of today's children. That does not bode well for the children in their care. I am asking that consider unified/affordable health care for small business owners to help with this problem.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Lynn Zinker



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