

**Education Committee**  
**March 7, 2011**

**S.B. No. 1106 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Amelia Darrell, and I'm a child care provider in Bridgeport. Home-based providers need a voice to advocate for children in Connecticut, and I believe that this bill—S.B. No. 1106—will give us that voice. Kids whose parents depend on subsidized care need quality settings, just as non-subsidized kids do. But as it stands right now, many good providers won't take subsidized children because they don't want to deal with the time-consuming paperwork and policies that the system requires. Providers like me who deal with this system on a daily basis know how it can be improved, but we don't have any way to communicate this knowledge with the decision-makers. S.B. No. 1106 would give us that voice we need to make those changes. And many of the improvements to the system would be of little or no cost to the state, and in some cases may even SAVE the state money. Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

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