

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 Senator Stillman, Representative Fleischmann and members of the Education Committee,

My name is Eugenia Rainford, and I am a home-based child care provider from Hartford. I am asking you support S.B. No. 1106- which would give providers like me the voice we need to make improvements to the Connecticut child care system. Too often I see providers who can no longer take the late payment and delayed certifications and who decide to leave the field. I myself dealt with an extremely frustrating situation when I was trying to get a well-qualified assistant certified to work at my daycare. The problem is that these policies and procedures were created without the direct input of working providers. S.B No. 1106 would give us exactly that- the ability to work directly with the state to find ways to improve care and get more providers into the system.

Sincerely,

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