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Labor and Public Employees Committee
Room 3800, Legislative Office Building
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Re: 3/13/12 Agenda 2. S.B. No. 352 RAISED) AN ACT CREATING A PROCESS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN WITH THE STATE. 2:30 PM in Room 1B of the LOB

I am NOT in support of An Act Creating A Process For Family Child Care Providers To Collectively Bargain With The State.

TO: CO- Chairman, The Hon. Edith Prague, Co-Chair, The Hon. Zeke Zalaski, Vice-Chair, The Hon. Edwin Gomes, Vice-Chair, The Hon. Ezequiel Santiago, Ranking Member, The Hon. Anthony Guglielmo, Ranking Member, The Hon. John Rigby, Member, The Hon. Bill Aman, Member, The Hon. Lou Esposito, Member, The Hon. Ernest Hewett, Member, The Hon. David Kiner, The Member, Craig Miner

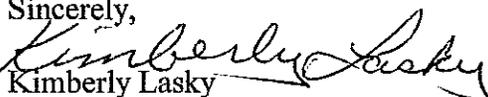
I have been a CT Licensed childcare provider for 23 years. Never once have I ever imagined that I would be forced to unionize against my will. This has happened with Governor Malloy's unconstitutional executive order no 9. My rights have been taken away from me as to how I run my business.

Because I have not had a client on this program in the last six months I was excluded from the vote to unionize. I only found out about it from the newspaper. In this economy, I might not have a choice on which clients to enroll in my program. My business is very much affected by the job market. If I enroll a new client that is on this program I will have to join the union.

Executive order No. 9 states that family childcare providers typically earn low wages, no benefits, no paid time off, and receive no standardized training. This is not true. I have a contract with my clients that list paid vacations, sick days and professional development days. I take classes that are available through out the year. I am sure if you were to ask other family child care providers, they would tell you they have these benefits also. I do not feel that it is right to have to pay dues for members, fees for non-members and mandatory agency fees when I no longer have a Care 4 Kids client and are no longer considered a union member. How is the rising cost of living in this tough economy and by adding union dues to the cost structure of running my childcare business going to reduce the costs to parents and provide them with better quality child care and provide the provider with a more stable income? I did not ask for this. I do not want this.

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL! Thank you!

Sincerely,


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Kim's Family Child Care Home