

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
LABOR and PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rose Clark, Family Child Care Provider

March 13, 2012

To: Members of the Labor Committee

**Re: In Support of Senate Bill Number 352, AN ACT CREATING A PROCESS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN WITH THE STATE.**

Date: March 13, 2012

My name is Rose Clark and I run a home-based childcare in West Hartford and I am writing in support of S.B. 352. I've been a licensed provider for over thirty years and before that I was a public school art teacher with a Master's degree.

The children I care for come from all types of homes from upper and lower income areas, and include children from foster homes who had been previously been abused.

All of them benefit from the excellent care I give and the extensive training and education I have gone through in order to be the best provider I can possibly be.

I'm proud that every single child I care for leaves my daycare prepared for school.

In the last year, I've talked to many other providers in the area about the challenges we face. I'm writing today on their behalf, to say that we need a voice through our union, SEIU, to help improve Connecticut's child care system.