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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 AGAINST 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 family child care provider for six years. In that time I have never needed nor desired mediation between myself and the State of Connecticut. The benefits of being self-employed come with the responsibilities of running my business effectively. This includes setting a pay rate that is fair and profitable, determining sick and vacation policy, and establishing an individual health insurance plan. By definition, the self-employed have the right and authority to control their working conditions. Therefore, the idea of unionization among them is unnecessary and in my case unwanted.

Sincerely,

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