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Labor and Public Employees Committee
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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 p.m. in Room 1B of the Lob.

I AM AGAINST the above Act!

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 child care provider in the State of Connecticut for 29 years. I do not have any Care4kids children, but I understand that ALL providers will eventually be targeted by the Unions. I have run my daycare myself, in my home, successfully, charging a moderate rate, having a wonderful rapport with my families, with very few problems, if any. I neither need nor want any help from a union. It does not make sense for providers to be unionized on any level! I am my own boss. I run my own business my way. Why on earth would I need someone to help me negotiate with myself?! You say you are trying to help parents and providers. How is charging union dues of \$500 to \$800 per year going to help? Most of this cost will end up being passed on to parents in higher daycare fees. This is such a transparent effort on the part of Governor Malloy to boost his power base! It is not going to work this time. Both the Federal and State governments have intruded enough into our lives. This time you have gone too far. Defeat this bill!!!