

March 13, 2012
Labor and Public Employees Committee
In Support of S.B. 352

I am Claudette Petersen and I am writing today in support of S.B. 352. I live in New Britain and have been a license exempt provider going on 4 years. I care for 3 grandchildren; Brianna is 10, Christian is 6 and Ernest is 3.

I would like to make some improvements to Care4Kids, mostly in the time schedule. My daughter's work schedule, like that of many parents on Care4Kids, is not just a 9-5 job, and I don't get paid for all the hours I provide care for my grand-kids. I'm also their emergency contact; if something happens at school, I'm the first one who gets notified because my daughter could be at work at any time of day. I work full-time hours and get paid half-time.

I and other providers want changes. I supported forming a union to make these changes. Please vote yes for SB 352 and let us collectively bargain with Care4Kids.

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