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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 do NOT support 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 Connecticut Licensed Child Care Provider for over 20 years. In all these years it has never occurred to me that I would be forced to join a union, let alone against my will as a private business owner. With Governor Malloy's unconstitutional executive order no.9 on the table, that is exactly what appears to be happening. I have sat down and listened to the union representatives and see no benefits in joining this union.

The way the Care 4 Kids program works, we could have a child one week and then the benefits could be rescinded the next, due to their parents income eligibility. If we have a child and the family leaves our care, or their Care 4 Kids status changes we have no control over filling that opening with another Care 4 Kids child. How would we benefit from being unionized when we have no control over the duration of a Care 4 Kids client? In this current economy it is difficult enough to keep my daycare full to meet my own financial needs without having to pay dues to the union.

I am not interested in being a union member and I did not ask to be a union member so why am I being railroaded into this? Please stop this unjust treatment of small business owners. Do not support this bill!

Sincerely,

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