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Labor and Public Employees Committee  
Room 3800, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

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 am a licensed in-home day care provider and have been for twenty years. I am very upset about the forced unionization of day care providers. I have attended a few meetings with the union and still cannot see the benefit that it will have for me or my business. The union representative talks about more money for Care for Kids yet all I hear from the politicians is that there is no more money available to add to the program. I hear about union fees and dues and am not willing in this economy to support the union.

I believe that this forced unionization by Governor Malloy is against my civil rights. I do not agree with the way the poll was conducted and the votes handled. I strongly urge you to vote against this act.

Sincerely,

Sheila Fitzsimons