

To: Members of the Labor Committee

Re: In Support of Raised Bill Number 352, An Act Creating A Process For Family Child Care Providers To Collectively Bargain With The State

Date: March 13, 2012

My name is Tammy Szrejna and I am a Family Daycare Provider in Vernon. I have been receiving the subsidy from the Care-4-Kids program for 3 and ½ years. I provide a safe and loving setting for four children.

It's difficult to provide care on what the state pays but I care for these children because their parents depend on my dedication to be there for them and to be part of a team effort of raising their precious children.

There are definitely some improvements that the subsidy system needs, for example, although the subsidy has not gone up, the cost of food as gone up a lot. Help with food costs and pay for the time it takes the parent to get to and from work would be helpful.

With union rights we would be able to make positive changes to the program. I ask you to please support Senate Bill 352.

Thank-you for your support,

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