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Attn: Sen. Moore, Rep. Abercrombie, Members of the Human Services Committee My name is Penelope Carner and I live in Ledyard, CT. For the past nine years I have worked at Riverfront Childrens Center in Groton, CT. My husband has been in and out of work over the years due to illnesses and lack of work in the construction field. For the most part I have been the only one with steady income, this has been extremely stressful on me over the years. With the low income I receive it has been difficult for me to pay our bills on a weekly basis. I will be earning my Bachelors in Child Studies at the end of June. I am always hopeful that this will increase my pay, but sadly I know there will not be a raise for me.

With not getting a raise, I will continue to struggle to pay past due bills, struggle to keep my home, and worry about shut off notices on a monthly basis. When my child is sick, that is where my own sick time goes. If I get sick well then I suck it up, don't go to the doctors, and don't get the proper medications because that all takes time and money. Yes I am diabetic but there have been many times I do not see my specialist because I can't leave work or have the money for copays or even the money to buy my monthly medications that I need.

Please consider helping the ones who struggle on a daily basis with our low paying jobs in the education field. Without great teachers, where does this leave the futures of the children we care for.

Thank you,
Penelope Carner

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