Testimony on HB 5044

Office of Early Childhood Budget

Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Member of the Committee:

My name is Ghyalla Saeed. I am a parent of a preschool child at Sleeping Giant Day Care, a state funded center, in Hamden, CT.

I believe the state funded programs need to continue to be funded.

If my child's day care program did not get funded and had to close, I would not be able to go to work. I would lose my job and then I would have to apply for housing, food stamps and other state programs just to survive. It is hard enough to pay the small amount in tuition I pay every week.

I send my child to this program as they are a high quality NAEYC accredited program. I chose them because they are close to my home and I need affordable child care. Without Sleeping Giant Day Care's sliding fee scale I could not afford to send my child to school. My child loves going to school and without this program my child will not be ready for kindergarten.

Please be sure to keep the state funded child day care center funding intact.

Sincerely,

Testimony on HB 5044

Office of Early Childhood Budget

Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Member of the Committee:

My name is Denise Files Aunt. I am a ~~parent~~ of a preschool child at Sleeping Giant Day Care, a state funded center, in Hamden, CT.

I believe the state funded programs need to continue to be funded.

If my child's day care program did not get funded and had to close, I would not be able to go to work. I would lose my job and then I would have to apply for housing, food stamps and other state programs just to survive. It is hard enough to pay the small amount in tuition I pay every week.

I send my child to this program as they are a high quality NAEYC accredited program. I chose them because they are close to my home and I need affordable child care. Without Sleeping Giant Day Care's sliding fee scale I could not afford to send my child to school. My child loves going to school and without this program my child will not be ready for kindergarten.

Please be sure to keep the state funded child day care center funding intact.

Sincerely, Denise Files

Testimony on HB 5044

Office of Early Childhood Budget

Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Member of the Committee:

My name is Elisha Hanse. I am a parent of a preschool child at Sleeping Giant Day Care, a state funded center, in Hamden, CT.

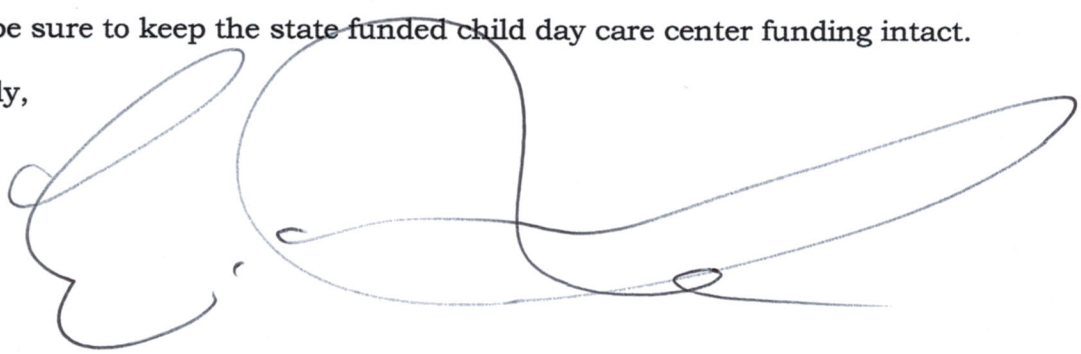
I believe the state funded programs need to continue to be funded.

If my child's day care program did not get funded and had to close, I would not be able to go to work. I would lose my job and then I would have to apply for housing, food stamps and other state programs just to survive. It is hard enough to pay the small amount in tuition I pay every week.

I send my child to this program as they are a high quality NAEYC accredited program. I chose them because they are close to my home and I need affordable child care. Without Sleeping Giant Day Care's sliding fee scale I could not afford to send my child to school. My child loves going to school and without this program my child will not be ready for kindergarten.

Please be sure to keep the state funded child day care center funding intact.

Sincerely,



Testimony on HB 5044

Office of Early Childhood Budget

Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Member of the Committee:

My name is Tara Bland. I am a parent of a preschool child at Sleeping Giant Day Care, a state funded center, in Hamden, CT.

I believe the state funded programs need to continue to be funded.

If my child's day care program did not get funded and had to close, I would not be able to go to work. I would lose my job and then I would have to apply for housing, food stamps and other state programs just to survive. It is hard enough to pay the small amount in tuition I pay every week.

I send my child to this program as they are a high quality NAEYC accredited program. I chose them because they are close to my home and I need affordable child care. Without Sleeping Giant Day Care's sliding fee scale I could not afford to send my child to school. My child loves going to school and without this program my child will not be ready for kindergarten.

Please be sure to keep the state funded child day care center funding intact.

Sincerely, Tara Bland