

Office of Early Childhood Budget  
Testimony on HB 5004

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

My name is Martha Viveros. I am a teacher at the Childcare Learning Center, Inc in Stamford, CT.

I believe the state funded programs need to continue to be funded. If the Childcare Learning Centers, did not get funded and had to close, 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 survive on the small amount I get paid Bi-weekly.

We work for very little compared to public school teachers and we work very long hours. I feel these young children are our future. I chose to work here for the love I have for children, not for the money. But the money would help a lot.

Please be sure to keep the funding intact for all state funded programs offering care and education to our young children so that they are ready for life time of learning. This is also extremely important for families so that they can continue to work and be self-sufficient.

Sincerely,

Ms. Martha Viveros