

**Testimony regarding: S.B. No. 934 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL**

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Good afternoon Sen. McCrory, Rep. Sanchez, and members of the Education Committee. My name is Safae Aouini, and I live in Middletown.

I am honored to be presenting testimony on the issue of S.B. No. 934 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL.

This is an issue that is very important to me. I am a mother of a two year old daughter and I attend Even Start In Middletown. When my daughter turns three, she will no longer be able to attend Even Start, but I will still need to finish my education. This bill will allow me to have assistance paying for a childcare program so I can continue at adult education and then attend college. I need to get my education so I can find a better job so I can take care of my family.

If I do not have help paying for childcare , I would not be able to go to school until my daughter is at the age where she can go to kindergarten. This would delay my own education and also make me not able to get a better job for a few years.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut's young children, and requires immediate action. If this bill passes, it will allow families to get better jobs so they will be able to take care of their own needs and not need assistance.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify about S.B. No. 934 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL. Thank you for your consideration.