

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 Amanda Talbot, and I live in Columbia.

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 Family Resource Center Coordinator for Middletown Public Schools and work with numerous families who would benefit from the expansion of Care4Kids.

Currently in our society child care is very expensive but very necessary for the families we have living in the State of CT. We need to find ways to meet our families needs in an affordable manner.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut's young children, and requires immediate action. If we pass this new policy change it means that many of our families will be able to achieve financial stability in their lives. Child care is a huge barrier to families who want to work but cannot afford childcare while they are away working, causing a paradigm. The paradigm being that they become systematically stuck in poverty because they cannot afford the means to enable themselves to rise out of poverty (ie childcare in order to work).

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.