

**Testimony regarding: S.B. No. 937 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN
FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS**

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Good afternoon Sen. McCrory, Rep. Sanchez, and members of the Education Committee. My name is carolyn rios, and I live in bridgeport.

I am honored to be presenting testimony on the issue of S.B. No. 937 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.

This is an issue that is very important to me. as an educator and parent it has become extremely difficult to pay for schooling when I have other expenses such as childcare because I still pay a portion with care 4 kids, I have rent and I am a single mother of 3 children, I don't have help from public assistance or any government help that will ease some of my expenses such as my groceries and utilities as well as transportation.

we need a change to help us parents and educators better facilitate our finances and it will help with us better educating ourselves to deal with issues that affect us.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut's young children, and requires immediate action. we will be in a better state of mind by being financially stable, we will be able to go to school and have a greater quality of knowledge to better live in an environment that will facilitate us by getting better jobs and being able to get us out of a financial deficit.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify about S.B. No. 937 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.
Thank you for your consideration.