Testimony regarding: S.B. No. 931 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

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I am honored to be presenting testimony on the issue of S.B. No. 931 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

This is an issue that is very important to me. I have never seen a backlog like this. I have had to be out of work because I could not afford $2400 upfront for a daycare for my child because of the 3-4 month backlog. $220 a week is almost my entire paycheck at $12 an hr. We have lost our car and have been homeless due to this ridiculous backlog of payments and certificate approvals. Last summer my child's daycare was approved in 2 weeks. But since we moved in December, our provider has not received any payments.

More workers that care and are diligently approving certificates so low-income parents and work and be productive.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut’s young children, and requires immediate action. We can be productive and face less hardships. Income is essential for any low income family to be productive and live with dignity. How can we work if affordable childcare is not provided? How is this possible?

I appreciate the opportunity to testify about S.B. No. 931 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS. Thank you for your consideration.