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 am the director of a child care program in Middletown, CT with 56 infant/toddler spaces. I see the challenge parents face every day to enroll their children in a high quality, accredited early learning program while struggling to make ends meet financially.

Care4Kids is an outstanding resource for working families but it's just not enough. Higher reimbursement rates to childcare providers would lower parent fees to providers and lessen the financial burden for families.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut’s young children, and requires immediate action. More parents would be able to afford high quality care for their children. Parents would have more options in selecting care for their children. Providers would be more likely to agree to receive Care4Kids assistance. More children would be enrolled in a quality experience; fewer children would be cared for by unlicensed, undocumented providers.

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