
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 a child care provider for 11 1/2 years, this July will be 12 years. I have never experience anything like what is going on now with care for kids payments. 40 -45 days before we get pay. We as providers go through so much that you wouldn’t even imagine. Shut off notices, bad credit, repo of our Vehicles, late paying our mortgage, some of us this is our only jobs and income, we dedicate our entire day to families so that they can work and knowing that there children’s are safe and is well taken care of. We use to submit our invoices on the 30 or 31 day of the month and get pay by the 4th or the 5th now we submit on the first and the 10th we still can’t get pay. It’s really unfair that people can do this to working people. Like care for kids say at one of our meeting, “out we get paid in advance” and we can’t get paid. There getting paid, and our invoices can’t get updated on a timely manner. We can’t get applications or redetermination to be done on a timely manner because they are always back up. I think care for kids should have 4 departments, redetermination, new application, invoice intake, finally payroll.

Because we need someone to care for the providers as much as we care for families like we do. Together we can make a difference, with out the support we as providers will struggle and force to close our child care program.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut’s young children, and requires immediate action. It would make our job much better, much easier for families together we can be better together. Less struggle for families and 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.