Testimony regarding: S.B. No. 935 AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO DEVELOP AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

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Good afternoon Sen. McCrory, Rep. Sanchez, and members of the Education Committee. My name is Rosanne Silver, and I live in Salem, NH.

I am honored to be presenting testimony on the issue of S.B. No. 935 AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO DEVELOP AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR COMPENSATION SCHEDULE.

This is an issue that is very important to me. I currently teach students in the Early Childhood and Child Studies Program at Post University after having spent thirty plus years serving CT students and their families in Wallingford and Cheshire, CT.

The expectations in our courses are rigorous and our students are caring, committed individuals who study and train hard to differentiate plans, learning styles, and implementations to best serve the diversity of young children in today's classrooms. It is disappointing and discouraging when they are finally out in the field and receive little respect in the form of fair compensation, especially as they are armed with the knowledge that percentage-wise, children learn more during their early years than at any other time of their lives.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut’s young children, and requires immediate action. If early educators received the respect and compensation equaled to its importance in our society, early educators could afford to stay committed to the children and families of CT.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify about S.B. No. 935 AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO DEVELOP AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR COMPENSATION SCHEDULE. Thank you for your consideration.