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In Support of H-7251

Dear House Finance,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony. I am in strong support for **Susan Donovan's bill, H-7251, the Early Educator Compensation Stabilization Act.**

I think that is very helpful for us as child care providers because what we earn is not the enough to live in this economic. Address 14 Mowry St providence RI 02908. It help me a little specially because with that money i buy more teaching materials for my program, and help me financially. is some income that helps educators providers to buy teaching materials for the program and help us financially. This act will also invest \$5 million to continue retention bonuses at \$3,000 per year for some early educators, those who are lower-wage, consistent, frontline child care staff, beyond the projected end date in September 2024 to prevent loss of staff/closure of more classrooms and program.

Our child care providers are essential workers. They are being underpaid and undervalued. They deserve our investment, and it cannot wait. Please support the **Early Educator Compensation Stabilization Act.**

Sincerely,

Altagracia Polanco