April 30, 2024 Nuirkys Arias 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.

This program has helped me alot because it took the stress out of my life after paying my school loans and credit cards. Now I'm able to enjoy my students more and be more present and happier and not have to worry about money. Yes, absolutely because you will be helping so many teachers in need that love working with kids but don't get paid enough to cover their bills and are not able to give their 100% every day. Resources of how this program can impact a teacher's life.

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,

Nuirkys Arias