April 30, 2024 Rachael Pina In Support of H-7251

Dear House Finance Committee,

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.

The supplements have helped me in many ways and makes me feel appreciated. I have worked in my current program for 23 years, the supplement helps me with my everyday expenses and I hope it continues, life is expensive. Teachers are very under paid; we take care of people's children and I feel the supplement proves appreciation!!

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,

Rachael Pina