April 30, 2024 Roshona Perry 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.

It has helped me pay my bills and provide for my child in ways that I was struggling to do so before this program. As an early childhood educator our job is very important, and it often goes unnoticed of all the things we do. We deserve to be paid for our education and the work we put in both in and outside of work.

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,

Roshona Perry