

Elizabeth Chesnut
Cumberland
LD 1726

Dear sirs and madams,

My name is Elizabeth Chesnut and I live in the town of Cumberland. I am a parent of a 16-month old daughter who goes to an incredible daycare in Portland two days per week.

I am writing to share my experiences with you. My daughter's daycare is full of warm, loving, brilliant caregivers who have been a treasure for our family. They support us in parenting and serve as a resource when we have questions. We trust them implicitly with the care of our beloved child and we feel they deserve appropriate compensation. I am privileged to benefit from the dedication of childcare workers and I hope you feel they deserve fair pay.

It is my hope as you review legislation this session that you consider supporting Senator Troy Jackson's bill, LD 1726, which supports efforts to invest in Maine's system of child care by advancing compensation for educators ('the workforce behind the workforce'), creating affordability for families, increasing access, and maintaining health and safety standards for children.

Thank you,
Elizabeth S. Chesnut
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