

Testimony of Jennifer Boisvert

In support of

***LD 1726: An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families  
sponsored by Senate President Troy Jackson***

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Jennifer Boisvert. I am a preschool teacher, and I live in Westbrook. I'm testifying in support of LD 1726 An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care and Working Families.

I support raising child care educator wages because we need better living wages. It's frustrating to have worked so long in a field and live paycheck to paycheck. Educators are being pushed away from the field because of low wages. Educators need to be recognized and valued more. We are the beginning and most important role of building a child's foundation for the future! We wear multi occupational hats and don't seem to be valued enough. I'm a mom of two and have taught for eighteen years in the field and an increase of pay is needed to keep up with the high cost of living. Something needs to change!

Please vote in support of LD 1726,  
Jennifer Boisvert