

Testimony of Donna Levasseur
In support of
***LD 2199: An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements and Emergency Financial Assistance for
Certain Child Care Providers
sponsored by Senate President Troy Jackson***

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Donna Levasseur. I am a President/Owner, and I live in Greene. I'm testifying in support of LD 2199: An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements and Emergency Financial Assistance for Certain Child Care Providers.

Getting paid for enrollment would make more sense for 1 then all my families would be paying the same way. Right now I have some families paying for full time and then I subsidy families that are only paying what the state tells them to pay. When a child is enrolled in my program they are responsible to pay for a full time rate so that way if they need us any time the have a spot for their child. Yes I loose income every week from subsidy the market rate is below the rate that we have to charge now and it limits how many my center will take which leaves families with out childcare. Please change to enrollment and up the rates to go with 2024 every time minimum wage goes up we have to raise our rates.

Yes since the pandemic money stop it definitely has been tough trying to stay open and cover all the overhead when everything has double in price every week I'm praying I have enough to pay my employees. Yes it would help to have emergency funds right now would lift some of the financial stress.

Please vote in support of LD 2199.