

Testimony of Robin DeRaps  
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 Robin DeRaps. I am an Owner, and I live in Winslow. I'm testifying in support of LD 2199: An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements and Emergency Financial Assistance for Certain Child Care Providers.

We had to make the hard decision to close our somerset facility as of March 1st. 2024 due to the market rate on child care subsidies being so low and on top of not being able to claim enrollment versus attendance. Having a hard time retaining employees and being able to pay them with a lack of consistent funds due to attendance versus enrollment, also inconsistent child attendance because full time slots were being held up by part time participants.

Please vote in support of LD 2199.