

Testimony of Eva Sawtelle
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 Eva Sawtelle. I am a Little Schoolhouse Childcare Chair, and I live in Greenville. I'm testifying in support of LD 2199: An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements and Emergency Financial Assistance for Certain Child Care Providers.

Child care subsidy should be reimbursed based on enrollment not just approved attendance because sometimes there are times when our childcare has to close due to staffing. This is not an excused absence and the subsidy will not be paid for these type of days. There are other times when a child may have used up all the vacation time that is excusable and again, we do not get reimbursed. Weather we are open or closed or a child has an unexcused absence we still have our overhead costs which do not change, this leaves a financial burden on our center.

Please vote in support of LD 2199.