

Testimony of Lily Crocker  
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 Lily Crocker. I am a Assistant Director, and I live in Lisbon Falls. I'm testifying in support of LD 2199: An Act to Ensure Subsidy Reimbursements and Emergency Financial Assistance for Certain Child Care Providers.

The unstable marker has the biggest effect on staffing from an employer point of view. We cannot afford to pay teachers what they are worth with any financial instability in a system based on quality care.

These questions seem to point us in the direction of being a private pay only center. It is not sustainable to continue to take on these families since we are being paid out based on attendance at a rate that is below our weekly rate for private pay families.

Please vote in support of LD 2199.