

Testimony of Izzi Greenberg in favor of SB 365 An Act Concerning Early Childhood Education Funding

Appropriations Committee March 9th, 2018

Senators Formica and Osten, Representatives Walker and Ziobron, members of the Committee: My name is Izzi Greenberg and I am executive director of the Middlesex Coalition for Children and the chair of the Advocacy Committee for the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance. The Alliance is a coalition of over a hundred organizations ranging from individual childcare programs to statewide research and advocacy organizations. We represent a wide range of organizations that care for, and about, our youngest children.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 365 "An Act Concerning Early Childhood Education Funding". Connecticut currently spends \$282,398,561 on early childhood programs and the staff at the OEC to administer them. This comes to a mere 1.5% of the total state budget. It is however one of the wisest investments state government can make.

In the words of Nobel winning economist James Heckman

"The best investment is in quality early childhood development from birth to five for disadvantaged children and their families."— December 7, 2012

All of Connecticut's early childhood programs are important and could use additional funds so they could serve more children and finally start paying childcare workers more than poverty wages. That said, I'd like to focus my remarks on the Care4Kids program. Care4Kids is our single largest source of funding to help families afford reliable, safe childcare while they work. It recently reopened after fifteen months of closure. I want to thank you all for your recognition of the importance of this program for working families who struggle to pay for childcare so that they can work and support their families. Last October when you passed a budget that increased the Care4Kids line item to \$124 million from the Governor's proposed \$94 million, you made reopening the program possible. The program has now gone through its waiting list and is now processing applications as they come in. During the closure, the program shrank by almost 10,000 children. That made it much more difficult for families to work and reduced revenue for child care providers across the state.

Understanding how much Care4Kids impacts the towns that you represent has always been much more difficult than the various grants listed in the budget. That is why the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance prepared town by town data sheets each month during the Care4Kids closure. Now that the program has reopened calculating how the additional funds going to each town is tricky, but I would like to draw attention to the attached spreadsheet. It lists the number

of children served by Care4Kids as of the November report, calculates the percentage of the total enrollment per town and then uses that percentage to project the town's share of the total allocation. These are rough estimates and are least accurate in the towns with just a few children. If for instance the mother of the 1 child on Care4Kids in Andover had twins, the case load could triple and this rough percentage based calculation wouldn't reflect it. But if we understand the limitations of the methodology in the towns with just a few children, it gives legislators in towns with more families on Care4Kids a reasonable estimate of the impact on their towns of various budget allocations.

I also want to point out the far right hand column. This column uses a budget allocation of \$148,000,000. That is \$18.4 million more than you allocated in your FY19 budget and it deserves an explanation. On February 9th, Congress passed a continuing resolution that broke a long standing impasse in the federal budgeting process. The bipartisan deal lifted spending caps on both military spending and discretionary domestic spending. It included an agreement to double the portion of the Federal Child Care Development Block Grant. Connecticut's share of that grant is \$18.4 million. Congress now has until the end of the current continuing resolution that expires on March 23rd to allocate the funds. So while they aren't certain right now, we will know before you vote on a revised FY 19 budget. These funds do not require additional state match but they can't be used to supplant local dollars. We urge you to plan for the expenditure in FY19.

We recognize that you have a deficit to close and that will require hard decisions. Thank you for your ongoing recognition of the importance of investing in our youngest children and we urge you to maintain the current funding for early childhood programs plus the \$18.4 million in anticipated new federal funds.

Estimated Town by Town spending on Care4Kids in Different Budget Scenarios

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Municipality	Children	Percent of	Estimated \$	Estimated C4K	Estimated C4K	Estimated C4K Under
	Enrolled in	total	-	Under adopted FY18	Under adopted	adopted FY19 Budge
	Care4Kids November		(\$94 million	Budget (\$124	FY19 Budget	+\$18.4 million new
	2017		total	million total)	(\$130 million	Fed \$ (\$148 million
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ANDOVER	1	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	
ANSONIA	192	1.4415%	\$1,355,056.69	\$1,787,521.59	\$1,874,014.57	\$2,133,493.5
ASHFORD	4	0.0300%	\$28,230.35		\$39,041.97	\$44,447.7
AVON	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.8
BARKHAMSTED	0	0.0000%	\$0.00		\$0.00	
BEACON FALLS	9	0.0676%	\$63,518.28		\$87,844.43	
BERLIN	21	0.1577%	\$148,209.33	\$195,510.17	\$204,970.34	\$233,350.8
BETHANY	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	
BETHEL	27	0.2027%	\$190,554.85	\$251,370.22	\$263,533.30	
BETHLEHEM	4	0.0300%	\$28,230.35		\$39,041.97	\$44,447.7
BLOOMFIELD	76	0.5706%	\$536,376.60		\$741,797.43	
BOLTON	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	
BOZRAH	1	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	
BRANFORD	50	0.3754%	\$352,879.35	***	\$488,024.63	
BRIDGEPORT	1283	9.6329%	\$9,054,884.00		\$12,522,711.92	\$14,256,625.8
BRIDGEWATER	0	0.0000%	\$0.00		\$0.00	
BRISTOL	259	1.9446%	\$1,827,915.01	\$2,411,292.14	\$2,527,967.57	\$2,877,993.8
BROOKFIELD	24	0.1802%	\$169,382.09	\$223,440.20	\$234,251.82	\$266,686.6
BROOKLYN	18	0.1351%	\$127,036.56	\$167,580.15	\$175,688.87	\$200,015.0
BURLINGTON	5	0.0375%	\$35,287.93	\$46,550.04	\$48,802.46	
CANAAN	8	0.0601%	\$56,460.70	·	\$78,083.94	***************************************
CANTERBURY	4	0.0300%	\$28,230.35	2010/201	\$39,041.97	
CANTON	12	0.0901%	\$84,691.04		\$117,125.91	\$133,343.3
CHAPLIN	8	0.0601%	\$56,460.70		\$78,083.94	
CHESHIRE	20	0.1502%	\$141,151.74		\$195,209.85	
CHESTER	0	0.0000%	\$0.00		\$0.00	
CLINTON	23	0.1727%	\$162,324.50		\$224,491.33	
COLCHESTER	32	0.2403%	\$225,842.78		\$312,335.76	
COLEBROOK	0	0,0000%	\$0.00		\$0.00	
COLUMBIA	6	0.0450%			\$58,562.96	<u> </u>
CORNWALL	2	0.0150%			\$19,520.99	
COVENTRY	14	0.1051%		\$130,340.12	\$136,646.90	
CROMWELL	33	0.2478%		, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	\$322,096.25	
DANBURY	235	1.7644%			\$2,293,715.74	
DARIEN	4	0.0300%			\$39,041.97	
DEEP RIVER	6	0.0450%			\$58,562.96	
DERBY	73	0.5481%	1		\$712,515.95	
DURHAM	2	0.0150%			\$19,520.99	
EAST GRANBY	4	0.0300%		·	\$39,041.97	
EAST HADDAM	6	0.0450%			\$58,562.96	
EAST HAMPTON	27	0.2027%			\$263,533.30	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
EAST HARTFORD	416	3.1234%		·····	\$4,060,364.89	
EAST HAVEN	125	0.9385%	·		\$1,220,061.57	1
EAST LYME	21	0.1577%			\$204,970.34	
EAST WINDSOR	47	0.3529%			\$458,743.15	
EASTFORD	0	0.0000%			\$0.00	t
EASTON	0	0.0000%	 		\$0.00	
ELLINGTON	17	0.1276%	 		\$165,928.37	
ENFIELD	204	1.5316%			\$1,991,140.48	+

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Municipality	Children Enrolled in Care4Kids November	Percent of total		Estimated C4K Under adopted FY18 Budget (\$124	Estimated C4K Under adopted FY19 Budget	Estimated C4K Under adopted FY19 Budget +\$18.4 million new
	2017		total		(\$130 million	
			totai	million total)	••	Fed \$ (\$148 million
ESSEX	7	5.050.00/	440,400,44	405 470 00	total)	total)
FAIRFIELD	7 28	0.0526%	\$49,403.11	\$65,170.06	\$68,323.45	
		0.2102%	\$197,612.43	\$260,680.23	\$273,293.79	4
FARMINGTON	13	0.0976%		\$121,030.11	\$126,886.40	
FRANKLIN GLASTONBURY	4 36	0.0300%		\$37,240.03	\$39,041.97	\$44,447.78
GOSHEN	5	0.2703%	\$254,073.13	\$335,160.30	\$351,377.73	
GRANBY	3	0.0375%	\$35,287.93	\$46,550.04	\$48,802.46	
GREENWICH		0.0225%	\$21,172.76	\$27,930.02	\$29,281.48	
GRISWOLD	28 33	0.2102%	\$197,612.43	\$260,680.23	\$273,293.79	
GROTON		0.2478%	\$232,900.37	\$307,230.27	\$322,096.25	\$366,694.20
	118	0.8860%	\$832,795.25	\$1,098,580.97	\$1,151,738.12	\$1,311,209.55
GUILFORD	10	0.0751%	\$70,575.87	\$93,100.08	\$97,604.93	\$111,119.45
HADDAM	****	0.0526%	\$49,403.11	\$65,170.06	\$68,323.45	\$77,783.62
HAMDEN	242	1.8170%	\$1,707,936.03	\$2,253,022.00	\$2,362,039.19	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
HAMPTON	1 1202	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	
HARTFORD	1202	9.0247%	\$8,483,219.46	\$11,190,629.93	\$11,732,112.02	\$13,356,558.30
HARTLAND	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.89
HARWINTON	1	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	\$11,111.95
HEBRON	14	0.1051%	\$98,806.22	\$130,340.12	\$136,646.90	
KENT	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.89
KILLINGLY	61	0.4580%	\$430,512.80	\$567,910.50	\$595,390.04	\$677,828.67
KILLINGWORTH	3	0.0225%	\$21,172.76	\$27,930.02	\$29,281.48	
LEBANON	5	0.0375%	\$35,287.93	\$46,550.04	\$48,802.46	\$55,559.73
LEDYARD	30	0.2252%	\$211,727.61	\$279,300.25	\$292,814.78	
LISBON	9	0.0676%	\$63,518.28	\$83,790.07	\$87,844.43	\$100,007.51
LITCHFIELD	4	0.0300%	\$28,230.35	\$37,240.03	\$39,041.97	\$44,447.78
LYME	0	0.0000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MADISON	6	0.0450%	\$42,345.52	\$55,860.05	\$58,562.96	
MANCHESTER	357	2.6804%	\$2,519,558.53	\$3,323,672.95	\$3,484,495.83	\$3,966,964.49
MANSFIELD	13	0.0976%	\$91,748.63	\$121,030.11	\$126,886.40	<u> </u>
MARLBOROUGH	4	0.0300%	\$28,230.35	\$37,240.03	\$39,041.97	\$44,447.78
MERIDEN	452	3.3936%	\$3,190,029.28	\$4,208,123.73	\$4,411,742.62	\$5,022,599.29
MIDDLEBURY	7	0.0526%	\$49,403.11	\$65,170.06	\$68,323.45	\$77,783.62
MIDDLEFIELD	0	0.0000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MIDDLETOWN	195	1.4641%	\$1,376,229.45	\$1,815,451.61	\$1,903,296.04	\$2,166,829.34
MILFORD	56	0.4205%	\$395,224.87	\$521,360.46	\$546,587.58	\$622,268.94
MONROE	9	0.0676%	\$63,518.28	\$83,790.07	\$87,844.43	\$100,007.51
MONTVILLE	51	0.3829%	\$359,936.93	\$474,810.42	\$497,785.12	\$566,709.21
MORRIS	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.89
NAUGATUCK	144	1.0812%	\$1,016,292.51	\$1,340,641.19	\$1,405,510.92	\$1,600,120.13
NEW BRITAIN	650	4.8802%	\$4,587,431.49	\$6,051,505.37	\$6,344,320.14	\$7,222,764.47
NEW CANAAN	8	0.0601%	\$56,460.70	\$74,480.07	\$78,083.94	\$88,895.56
NEW FAIRFIELD	9	0.0676%	\$63,518.28	\$83,790.07	\$87,844.43	\$100,007.51
NEW HARTFORD	6	0.0450%	\$42,345.52	\$55,860.05	\$58,562.96	\$66,671.67
NEW HAVEN	1551	11.6450%	\$10,946,317.29	\$14,439,822.81	\$15,138,523.91	\$17,234,627.22
NEW LONDON	209	1.5692%	\$1,475,035.66	\$1,945,791.73	\$2,039,942.94	\$2,322,396.58
NEW MILFORD	68	0.5105%	\$479,915.91	\$633,080.56	\$663,713.49	\$755,612.28
NEWINGTON	49	0.3679%	\$345,821.76	\$456,190.40	\$478,264.13	\$544,485.32
NEWTOWN	9	0.0676%	\$63,518.28	\$83,790.07	\$87,844.43	\$100,007.51
NORFOLK	0	0.0000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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NORTH BRANFORD	21	0.1577%	\$148,209.33	\$195,510.17	\$204,970.34	
NORTH CANAAN	5	0.0375%	\$35,287.93	\$46,550.04	\$48,802.46	
NORTH HAVEN	27	0.2027%	\$190,554.85		\$263,533.30	4
NORTH STONINGTON	8	0.0601%	\$56,460.70		\$78,083.94	
NORWALK	231	1.7344%	\$1,630,302.58		\$2,254,673.77	
NORWICH	248	1.8620%	\$1,750,281.55	\$2,308,882.05	\$2,420,602.15	
OLD LYME	1	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	
OLD SAYBROOK	5	0.0375%	\$35,287.93	\$46,550.04	\$48,802.46	
ORANGE	5	0.0375%	\$35,287.93	\$46,550.04	\$48,802.46	
OXFORD	14	0.1051%	\$98,806.22	\$130,340.12	\$136,646.90	
PLAINFIELD	56	0.4205%	\$395,224.87	\$521,360.46	\$546,587.58	
PLAINVILLE	37	0.2778%	\$261,130.72	\$344,470.31	\$361,138.22	
POMFRET CENTER	3	0.0225%	\$21,172.76	\$27,930.02	\$29,281.48	<u> </u>
PORTLAND	12	0.0901%	\$84,691.04	\$111,720.10	\$117,125.91	\$133,343.34
PRESTON	10	0.0751%	\$70,575.87	\$93,100.08	\$97,604.93	\$111,119.45
PROSPECT	17	0.1276%	\$119,978.98	\$158,270.14	\$165,928.37	\$188,903.07
PUTNAM	30	0.2252%	\$211,727.61	\$279,300.25	\$292,814.78	\$333,358.36
REDDING	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.89
RIDGEFIELD	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.89
ROCKY HILL	20	0.1502%	\$141,151.74	\$186,200.17	\$195,209.85	\$222,238.91
ROXBURY	0	0.0000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SALEM	8	0.0601%	\$56,460.70	\$74,480.07	\$78,083.94	\$88,895.56
SALISBURY	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	
SCOTLAND	1	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	\$11,111.95
SEYMOUR	49	0.3679%	\$345,821.76	\$456,190.40	\$478,264.13	\$544,485.32
SHARON	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.89
SHELTON	77	0.5781%	\$543,434.19	\$716,870.64	\$751,557.92	\$855,619.79
SHERMAN	0	0.0000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SIMSBURY	12	0.0901%	\$84,691.04	\$111,720.10	\$117,125.91	\$133,343.34
SOMERS	8	0.0601%	\$56,460.70	\$74,480.07	\$78,083.94	
SOUTH WINDSOR	27	0.2027%	\$190,554.85	\$251,370.22	\$263,533.30	\$300,022.52
SOUTHBURY	15	0.1126%	\$105,863.80	\$139,650.12	\$146,407.39	\$166,679.18
SOUTHINGTON	71	0.5331%	\$501,088.67	\$661,010.59	\$692,994.97	\$788,948.12
SPRAGUE	13	0.0976%	\$91,748.63	\$121,030.11	\$126,886.40	\$144,455.29
STAFFORD	29	0.2177%	\$204,670.02	\$269,990.24	\$283,054.28	\$322,246.41
STAMFORD	268	2.0122%	\$1,891,433.29	\$2,495,082.21	\$2,615,812.00	\$2,978,001.35
STERLING	8	0.0601%	\$56,460.70	\$74,480.07	\$78,083.94	\$88,895.56
STONINGTON	39	0.2928%	\$275,245.89		\$380,659.21	\$433,365.87
STRATFORD	251	1.8845%	\$1,771,454.31	\$2,336,812.07	\$2,449,883.62	\$2,789,098.28
SUFFIELD	13	0.0976%	\$91,748.63	\$121,030.11	\$126,886.40	ŧ
TERRYVILLE	22	0.1652%	\$155,266.91	\$204,820.18	\$214,730.84	i e
THOMASTON	25	0.1877%	\$176,439.67	\$232,750.21	\$244,012.31	
THOMPSON	4	0.0300%	\$28,230.35	\$37,240.03	\$39,041.97	\$44,447.78
TOLLAND	9	0.0676%	\$63,518.28		\$87,844.43	
TORRINGTON	148	1.1112%	\$1,044,522.86		\$1,444,552.89	<u> </u>
TRUMBULL	31	0.2328%	\$218,785.19	\$288,610.26	\$302,575.27	\$344,470.31
UNION	0	0.0000%	\$0.00		\$0.00	<u> </u>
VERNON	163	1.2238%	\$1,150,386.67		\$1,590,960.28	\$
VOLUNTOWN	7	0.0526%	\$49,403.11	\$65,170.06	\$68,323.45	\$77,783.62

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WALLINGFORD	147	1.1037%	\$1,037,465.28		\$1,434,792.40	· · · ·
WARREN	1	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	
WASHINGTON	6	0.0450%	\$42,345.52	\$55,860.05	\$58,562.96	\$66,671.67
WATERBURY	1039	7.8009%	\$7,332,832.80	\$9,673,098.58	\$10,141,151.74	\$11,545,311.21
WATERFORD	16	0.1201%	\$112,921.39	\$148,960.13	\$156,167.88	\$177,791.13
WATERTOWN	37	0.2778%	\$261,130.72	\$344,470.31	\$361,138.22	\$411,141.98
WEST HARTFORD	78	0.5856%	\$550,491.78	\$726,180.64	\$761,318.42	\$866,731.74
WEST HAVEN	422	3.1684%	\$2,978,301.67	\$3,928,823.49	\$4,118,927.85	\$4,689,240.93
WESTBROOK	2	0.0150%	\$14,115.17	\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	
WESTON	1	0.0075%	\$7,057.59	\$9,310.01	\$9,760.49	\$11,111.95
WESTPORT	12	0.0901%	\$84,691.04	\$111,720.10	\$117,125.91	\$133,343.34
WETHERSFIELD	40	0.3003%	\$282,303.48	\$372,400.33	\$390,419.70	\$444,477.81
WILLINGTON	9	0.0676%	\$63,518.28	\$83,790.07	\$87,844.43	\$100,007.51
WILTON	0	0.0000%	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WINCHESTER	23	0.1727%	\$162,324.50	\$214,130.19	\$224,491.33	\$255,574.74
WINDHAM/WILLIMANTIC	193	1.4491%	\$1,362,114.27	\$1,796,831.59	\$1,883,775.06	\$2,144,605.45
WINDSOR	111	0.8334%	\$783,392.15	\$1,033,410.92	\$1,083,414.67	\$1,233,425.93
WINDSOR LOCKS	27	0.2027%	\$190,554.85	\$251,370.22	\$263,533.30	\$300,022.52
WOLCOTT	29	0.2177%	\$204,670.02	\$269,990.24	\$283,054.28	\$322,246.41
WOODBRIDGE	2	0.0150%		\$18,620.02	\$19,520.99	\$22,223.89
WOODBURY	4	0.0300%	\$28,230.35	\$37,240.03	\$39,041.97	\$44,447.78
WOODSTOCK	12	0.0901%	\$84,691.04	\$111,720.10	\$117,125.91	\$133,343.34
Total	13319	100.0000%	\$94,000,000.00	\$124,000,000.00	\$130,000,000.00	\$148,000,000.00