

1. Name:

Elaine Balsley

2. Email:

3. Town \*

Waterbury

4. I am a: \*

Please select at most 2

☐ Parent

☐ Childcare Provider

☐ Early Childhood Educator

☐ Community Organization

☐ Employer

☐ Advocate

☒ Birth to Three provider

5. Type or paste your Testimony here: \*

I am writing in support of financial support for both parents and for early childcare centers and staff. The need is great, and parents are struggling. As Birth to Three providers, we know parents who tolerate sub-standard care for their children because they can't afford a better program- they have no choice and it's heartbreaking. We see many of our B23 children in early childcare settings that struggle because of lack of pay and support for a very hard job. If you want children and families to flourish, you have to put the money in on the front end.

