To whom it May concern,

My name is Penny Blanchette Lucia. My registered family home childcare program has been open for over 30 years. I am opposed to the S.119 bill. I do not have a college education but I can tell you that I stay up to date on all the requirements the state ask of me. I always go over my yearly trainings. I am going to be 60 years old in July and I do not have any plans on going back to school this late in my career. My passion is caring children. I became a home provider so I could stay home and raise my children as well. In doing so I realized how much I love being with and teaching children. The Stars program revamped their whole program last year and I worked very hard to accomplish the same star level as before which is 4 Stars out of 5. It was time consuming and took months to prepare. I am a specialized service provider, participate in the food program and have a career Ladder Level ll. I am not going to be a better provider by getting an associates degree. I feel that home providers should be removed from this bill or be grandfathered in somehow. If it passes I will close my program and be unregistered which will be a travesty to all my families. My years of service and families I've cared for over the 30+ years speaks volumes to the care, love and passion I have for these children.

Kindly,

Penny Blanchette-Lucia