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RE: S286/H79 An Act Providing Immediate Child Care Assistance to Homeless Families
DT: 14 October 2015

Dear Honorable Chair and Members of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities,

Thank you for considering *S286/H79, An Act Providing Immediate Child Care Assistance to Homeless Families*.

This bill would remove an additional burden for a homeless family, how to pay for childcare. This bill would require that a homeless child care assistance vouchers be provided to a family who is placed by the DTA into a temporary emergency assistance shelter, domestic violence shelter or non-emergency assistance shelter regardless of income and that voucher would be available to the family at any time during their stay in the shelter. The voucher would be good up until 12 months or for 90 days after leaving the shelter.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *S286/H79, An Act Providing Immediate Child Care Assistance to Homeless Families* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Heroux". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul Heroux