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Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Emily Ingraham. I am a parent and live in Windham.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. The amount of love and help these teachers give not only my child but all the children is amazing. It eases my mind so much knowing she is going somewhere safe and has a homey feel to it. If you cut the budgets to these programs the children miss out and so do the teachers making work even harder than they already do with more than what they can handle.

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. Single mothers and low income families need the support that these programs give them. I was drowning paying so much a week to daycare just so I could go to work and one of these programs is the reason I am still able to work today.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. Childcare workers do so so much for our children day in and day out so we can continue to do our work and what we love to do. They deserve the bonuses they get because they do so so much to love and care for all of our children.