

Madeline Dalton  
Gorham  
LD 210

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 Madeline Dalton. I am an assistant daycare manager and live in Gorham.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. I would have to look for a new job without this bonus. Teachers make very little to begin with and this bonus helps up immensely.

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. Head start allows smooth transition into kindergarten and without this kids would start school much later.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. Workers who can't afford the daycare they are employed at end up not being able to keep the job so this would cause parents to struggle in finding work and care for their children.