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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 Donna Pennoyer. I am a childcare owner and live in Windham.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. Since Maine has opened preschool in the public school my enrollment is down and made it harder to pay my staff and also bring in money to pay myself. The extra income from the wage supplement has helped me stay open and helped me pay my Personal bills.

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. Education for children is the best way to help them become self-sufficient adults.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. None of my employees have children at my center because they are older however, I can understand how this would help a lot of other childcare centers. Keep employees.