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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 Kassidy Emerson. I am a lead teacher and live in Sanford.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. I am a child care worker. I was in a previous job that I was bringing home nothing by the time I paid for childcare. Now that I am finally bringing home some sort of a paycheck, these bonuses to our pay help me put food on the table and help pay all of the bills that we are just now finally getting caught up on. Please do not cut this money!

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. All children need access to affordable schooling and defunding headstart is just not ideal. What happens to the children who are affected by this.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. Please do not cut this program. While it may sound selfish but I really need this. I work at the place my children attend daycare. Without this program that is 600 more dollars a month that I can't use for other necessities. In times like today every dollar counts. We are both working parents, paying of student loans a mortgage etc and taking this away is 600 dollars less now a month. It's already tough making ends meet with it! It will surely get people more behind if it is taken away!