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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 Tara Russo. I am an owner/director and live in Casco.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. I will lose valuable employees that have allowed me not to be completely burned out in this field. With out these extra employees I would have to close my daycare do too burnout of too many hours. 54 hours per week for 26 years now is way too much for anyone. I have been able to provide for two extra employees with these funds and both employees are using their funds to go to college and work in the childcare field.