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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 Andrea Hougaz-McCormick. I am a Special Education Assistant Director and live in Windham.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. It could impact my employment as well as significantly impacting the care our program is able to provide to maine children who are entitled special education services

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. Because cutting money from lower income children and their families is the LAST place to make cuts!

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. It won't directly impact me however it will increase our struggle in hiring willing and engaged special education providers!