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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 Kristen Taylor. I am a director and live in Scarborough.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. I would be forced to make significant cuts to my families budget, forcing me to make decisions that would impact my children education.

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. The proposed cuts would impact my neighbors, forcing them to wait until public school to access services.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. My colleagues would be forced to consider leaving the early childhood field, potentially, losing high quality teachers in the field.