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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 Amy Thurston. I am a Pharmacist and live in Scarborough.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. We are a family with 2 parents who work outside the home in the healthcare field- we need daycares to take care of our children so we can take care of the community!

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. These families need this assistance which will pay off once these children get assistance they require!

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. We have several teachers who I hope can utilize this award- they are getting childcare they need which watching multiple other children who require care!