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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 Caroline Cote. I am a Recruiter 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 am a full time working mom, and it is hard enough to pay bills. These childcare workers are doing a wonderful job raising my children, and the cost of care decreasing from the state and inevitably increasing on the individual will make it impossible to feed my family nutritious food, keep my house warm, and clothe my kids with the basics. We do not live outside of our means and yet the cost of living is astronomical, mostly in the childcare space.

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. No matter what income children deserve support and the best care possible.