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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 Kayla KilCommons. I am a RN and live in Scarborough.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. As a mother of 2 children under the age of 5, high quality childcare is necessary for me to provide care to my patients as an RN. I oppose these cuts because we need to support ECE.

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. Head Start is an invaluable resource to low income families and should be protected at all cost. This funding changes lives.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. If this program is eliminated working parents will be forced to leave ECE thus increasing the shortage of child care providers. Child care providers deserve to have high quality childcare care available to them, like any other parent.