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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 Cameron Leary. I am an Analyst 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 have 2 kids in daycare, cutting this from the budget will have an affect on the young childhood educators we have for our children. Daycare for 2 kids is already more than our mtg payment and is the most expensive monthly payment we have. These educators deserve what they get paid and this funding helps significantly. Otherwise these cost will likely be put on families already having to pay high daycare costs in this state.

I am opposed to the proposed \$3.6 million annual/\$7.2 million biennial cuts to general funds for Head Start. Help kids, stop cutting funding to services that helps kids.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. We need to keep our early childhood educators, they deserve more. If you have kids you know the importance of having your kid in good hands while you work and pay income taxes in this state. I oppose it because I think it is a useful tool in keeping good educators.