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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 Allison Hughes. I am a Graphic designer- design Director and live in South Portland.

I am opposed to the proposed \$15 million annual/\$30 million biennial cuts to the Child Care Wage Supplement Program. It is already a struggle to find childcare- let alone decent childcare that you trust enough to take care of your entire world. These cuts would affect staffing at my child's daycare which has already been struggling since COVID. The staff is wonderful and highly educated, cutting funding would lead to people needing to leave for alternative jobs. It's not right and Mills is a complete imbecile.

I am opposed to the proposed \$2.5 million annually/\$5 million biennial cuts and elimination of the Child Care Employment Award. If our childcare staff struggles to afford or find childcare services for their children, then that has a direct impact on staffing. If the you cannot staff you cannot have appropriate coverage for your business or for the safety of your own children at said childcare.