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Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I hope you will REJECT the proposed CUTS to Head Start, childcare and early childhood education programs and subsidies for childcare workers. These are essential services help families remain financially secure and provide children with the care they require to grow up healthy. How else can we expect them to be productive adults? If we truly care about our children, we will do every to support affordable, quality childcare.

As a mother and now retired teacher, I have seen the benefits not only to children but to the whole family when parents can afford and count on quality child care. Don't pull this out from under them. Getting quality child care is already tough. Don't make it any harder. Continuing the support for childcare workers so they can further their education and training and a bit more easily make ends meet in their own families, not only helps them and the children they care for but also helps our state's economy to prosper.

Respectfully,  
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