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I'm asking you to include \$15 million of ongoing investment into the Child Care Affordability Program.

Please consider including the ongoing investments into the CCAP Program. This program allows parents/families to put their children in a safe, nurturing, learning environment while they go to work or to further their education. This plays a huge role in many families lives on being able to return to work. Child Care is expensive for the parents and for the providers to run a good program. Many of the families that I serve in Augusta are able to send their children to me because of this assistance with the cost. Owing a center I can see both sides of child care expense - it is a lot for working families in the middle class, but it comes with a high price to run a center with the overhead it includes. Including these funds will make a big difference for families in Maine!