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

I have had several families over the years who were able to get jobs they love but were not able to continue to work in those positions because they could not afford child care on top of the other costs of living. These families found they were financially in a better position if they were to stay home and get assistance from the state. I feel this is counter productive for our society when we have people who are willing to work but can't make ends meet. If we were able to give them the help of covering the cost of child care then these people could go to work. This in turn could help save money in other areas by keeping people off of state assistance and families becoming more self sufficient.