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I am writing to you to submit testimony regarding the children's programs cuts. I disagree with the cuts to children's programs. Children are the future and to cut back on educational, state funded programs would be detrimental. Where would they go, what would they do? Please protect these children, our future, from budget cuts.

While I was pregnant with my first child, I researched and visited many child care facilities. Most of them, I would leave and not look back. I ended up placing my child in a state funded child care center. Now I have another child who is attending the same center. I would NEVER go elsewhere. During the time in the children's center, they have progressed quickly socially and are ahead of others academically. You should not take away programs for children, but enhance what is available to them i.e. state funded child care centers and early literacy programs.

Once again, I oppose cuts to early care and education.

Thank you.