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In support of H-7251

My name is Nicole Ortiz and I am an early childhood educator. I am advocating for Susan Donovan's bill, H-7251, the the Early Educator Compensation Stabilization Act. I am advocating for early childhood funding to improve the lives of children and families. Teaching children of all backgrounds and capabilities is not an easy task. Teachers need training, knowledge, and experience. The result will improve the lives of children and families.

I come from a large family. Our mothers are our first teachers. A love of children, family, and others is why I chose this field.

One of the main challenges in this field is that the wages are very low for assistants and teachers.. This makes it difficult to find trained, knowledgeable, and experienced teachers. This is a circle that keeps going around because the pay is so low.

These compensation payments encourage teachers to remain in this field and entice future employees to join the field.

I want the state legislatures to know that we the teachers, mothers, and grandmothers take our job very seriously. We hold the future in our hands. We have love in our hearts but we have our own families to support. We encourage you to continue funding this field as training, experience, time, and money is the only way to insure that we have qualified, experienced teachers.

Thank you,

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