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**Amanda, Beaverton**  
**House District 27**  
**Daycare Teacher**

My name is Amanda and I've been a daycare teacher for eight years. I currently make \$11.00 an hour after I got a raise two years ago. I work five days a week, full time. I have a three-year-old son and love working with children. Even when they're being crazy, they still put a smile on my face.

I wake up by 6 AM to get myself ready. I wake my son up at 7 AM, and we arrive at the daycare by 8 AM. We stay there all day, until 5 PM. On the way home, I pick up a baby that I nanny on the side. I keep the baby until around 8:30 PM. After that, I get my son and myself ready for bed. I don't have time or energy to cook, instead buying food that can be microwaved quickly.

I spend one of my days off doing chores around the house. On the day that I can truly relax, I don't go out or spend money on myself. All of my income goes to bills, my son, and daycare.

With a raise to \$13.50 an hour, I would be able to start saving. I would be able to move out of my parents' house. I would be able to spend some money on myself and give my son a better life.