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**To:** [Rep. Helt](#)

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Representative Helt,

I am writing to tell you how the cost of childcare for both of my children, has impacted my getting my continued education. If it wasn't for the additional child care grant I received from my college I would have had to give up on my dream of being a college graduate, the first college graduate in my family. My husband is our sole income aside from my financial aid money that helps to keep us afloat. with 2 children and a daycare bill at \$950 a month plus more sometimes. We have done our best to provide the best future that we can for our children and the rising cost of child care is making working towards a brighter future for my family a huge financial burden. I hope to see help in the near future for parents who are trying to get their education to provide a better life for their families.

Thank you for your time,

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