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To: [Rep. Helt](#)

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to send over an email and tell you a little bit about myself and how much the additional help to cover the costs of childcare has helped me. I am a non-traditional student, being that I am aged 33 and this is my first year attending school. I worked throughout high school and just continued to work through out adulthood as I would get promoted in the jobs that I have held. I have a husband who is an Army veteran and attended COCC as well, we have 2 children, one who is 9 and goes to school, the other is 4 and she goes to daycare. My husband works full time, I am a full time student, between the two of us we are very busy but are making things work. With the cost of rent, odds and ends, and the life that comes with having children, every little bit helps. The additional funds that we receive from COCC to help with the cost of child care is huge for us. I can drop my daughter off at a daycare that is safe for her, focus on my studies and do the best that I can as a student. It lifts a huge weight off my shoulders!

Thank you for your time, I am so excited to be able to finally go to school and COCC has been absolutely wonderful.

Noelle