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Hello, my name is Nicole Arenas Redinger. I am a license registered, in-home childcare provider in Multnomah county. I have been licensed since 2015. These funds would be greatly appreciate if they would continue to help with the high needs for special-needs children. Child care providers like myself come in contact with these sorts of funds that will help a provider like myself to help make accommodations in childcare, and to help support the child with special needs and behavioral issues that may need additional supplies, support, & resources like a therapist, a mentor, a counselor to come into my home to work with these children while parents are working. These funds will help me to accommodate to their special needs. It also helps me with the cost of additional supplies that I accommodate when working with special needs children in my childcare home. Each child with special needs is different. Without these funds to help providers like myself, would not be able to help these families with special accommodations and supplies to help work with these children. Special need supplies are not cheap and these funds will help each individual child with special needs to be accommodated in childcare.

Thank you for taking the time to read my written testimony. Best regards, Mrs. Nicole.