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Hello, my name is Sonia Bautista. I live in Oregon and have been working in early childhood for two years, as a Family Support Facilitator and PACT (Parent And Children Together) teacher. Early childhood care is important and makes a difference in children's lives. They are able to learn skills that prepare them for kindergarten. This is all possible because of educators and teachers, that take the time to learn, prepare and educate themselves as well. They need to be paid a fair wage to continue to make a difference in communities and young children's lives. I see this for myself when doing PACT activities children light up, learn new stories, songs, shapes, and recipes.

Thank you.