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My name is Jorge Luis Avila Ayala, and I am writing in support of HB5006. I work at the Oregon Center for Career Development supporting Oregon's child care workforce. More specifically, I am an OCDC Office Specialist 2 LD in English and Spanish, and through tasks like answering emails and phone calls, I have been told firsthand by these child care workers how these funds have gone a long way to help them out in their day to day lives. One person mentioned to me how the \$500 was just enough to cover an unprecedented visit to the doctor's. While another said she was thankful to have received the funds because it helped them fix their car they use to transport themselves to and from work. The approval of HB5006 will ensure that our programs will be able to continue supporting the child care work force and growing it through HB3008. Allocating funding to the child care workforce supports and expands every industry in Oregon.