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I wish that every person making decisions about education funding had to work as a teacher, even just for a day. I also hope that they see the value in investing in the next generation as a critical priority for the future of our communities, state, and nation. Currently, public education operates on the unpaid labor of teachers and school staff. I love teaching and hope to stay in this career, however, the challenges we face in the classroom have made this job unsustainable. I strongly considered leaving after this school year because I have been living at my breaking point. To imagine less support/funding along with increasing needs is almost unfathomable. Funding schools so we have the necessary resources and supports will benefit both students and teachers. We desperately need more support staff for our students with IEPs and 504s. I am a science/chemistry teacher and I do not have a lab space. Please, please treat education like it will make or break our future as a nation, because it certainly will.