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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Hi my name is Christy O'Neill and I'm a Head Start teacher in Southern Oregon. Although I haven't seen a rise in my own class size, more and more children are entering school with the inability to self-regulate their own behavior or interact with peers and adults appropriately. Of course, we as Early Learning professionals individualize our work to address the needs of all children, though the pressure of teaching the growing number of children who show extreme and often dangerous behavior has taken an emotional (and sometimes physical) toll on many educators across the state. Seeing Early Childhood Education prioritized as 20% of the budget is so exciting to see because it means that Early Learning professionals like myself and my colleagues can provide children with a high quality early education that is so critical to success in school and throughout life. I urge you to vote YES to support quality Early Learning and safe environments for all students.

Sincerely,
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