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Members of the Ways & Means Committee,

My name is Salvador Nunes, I am a resident of Salem in District 5. I wanted to write to you in support of funding for the childcare efforts that are happening in our state during these times.

My wife and I have 2 children who we hope this childcare proposals that are coming up receive enough funding to be able to go to work with a piece of mind. Right now we have struggled to find quality child care, and a place that speaks our language. The programs that exist right now have denied us for years now because according to the policies we make too much money. I can say that this is not the case. My wife and I are just making it by paycheck to paycheck. I would like that we do not stress about money and that we have accessible childcare for my family and other families in Oregon.

I urge you to prioritize childcare in this funding that you have the power to decide on. As a farmworker this would mean a lot for our family. We are not only essential workers but also deserve accessible childcare for our children.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.