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I am writing to ask you to support HB3011. As a mother who worked while raising two children to adulthood and had them in child care and preschool during some of that time, I know the importance of child care being more than just an untrained babysitter. These workers are stepping in to help our babies and children learn and grow and develop when we cannot be with them. The availability of knowledgeable and highly trained ECE workers is important and it's a valid need for creating rich environments to support healthy development. Please support funding for higher ed ECE programs and campus centers that both train and educate new ECE workers and also provide quality care to young children. There is such a need. My daughter is expecting a baby in April and it is necessary for her to return to work. Please invest now for ECE for this next generation. Thank you.