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I am writing to urge you to support HB 3008.

I am not a parent to living children or a childcare provider, but I am a person who cares deeply about women and children. Every single one of my peers and friends that I know with children struggles to find child care. Despite this being a necessity for working parents, these workers are undervalued.

We must continue to invest in Oregon's child care industry. This bill — a continuation of a previous bill passed — would ensure dollars are designated to fund recruitment and retention payments to child care providers working in Oregon through the Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education; to provide health care benefits to child care providers; and to fund child care workforce training programs. This bill would also continue one-time \$500 annual payments to child care providers as a recognition bonus.