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Written Statement: I am a recipient of the Best Beginnings childcare scholarship and would like to provide testimony on how this scholarship has helped me. I am 37 years old and have never received any state or federal assistance until recently. A divorce/abandonment led to me supporting my two children alone and the childcare scholarship has helped me make ends meet and also make it easier to work while I still have one kid who is not school age. I currently utilize part time childcare as I am employed part time. Childcare was previously one of my largest budgeted expenses. Toddler care for a full day is \$36 per day and I live in a very rural area and commute quite far to work. It is hard to justify spending so much money to go to work so the scholarship helps me to continue my employment. It also helps parents utilize a certified childcare provider instead of looking for "cheaper" childcare that is not regulated. Thank you for your time.