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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Kara Walker. I am a twenty nine year old, single mother of three girls. Makenzie is nine, & my twins Madisson & Bailey are three.

I work as an Assistant Manager in a local casino in Butte. I have been working there for six years. I started as a cashier, advanced to a supervisor, & was then promoted as the assistant manager. I feel that my work ethics are strong & I make decent money for someone without a college education. I still seem to have a hard time making ends meet.

I am already very close to exceeding the income guidelines for a family of four. We are given a cost of living raise every year based on our job performance. I call Four C's, Best Beginings to see how much I can make before I would be over the guideline. At my evaluation I am told how much of a raise I will be getting. I figure out how much the raise will affect my monthly income. If the time ever comes when I will loose the help I get from Four C's & Best Beginings program, I will be forced to ask for less of a raise. A raise is something most people look forward to. It has become something I fear. I had to pay for daycare while I was on the waiting list for Four

C's last year & I know that a raise wouldnt have helped me support my family as much as the help I get from the Four C's. The cost of food, rent, utilities, & gas keep getting higher & even though a raise would help over time, it wouldnt help month to month.

Four C's & Best Beginings is the most productive program offered to low income families because it helps them to work & support themselves. With the help we get ~~with~~ FOR the cost of daycare we can make ends meet. I used to feel like it was costing me money to work because daycare costs were so high. I was sinking instead of swimming even though I was trying very hard. If I didnt have the Four C's program my children might not be taken care of as well or be as safe as I know they are in a daycare that has to meet state guidelines. I know my options for child care would be almost obsolete due to finances. I enjoy my day better knowing they are in a safe place that I picked myself, & that they like & are comfortable in. Having the feeling of security when you are away from them helps keep the kids happy too. These programs help more than just the wallets of the

parents. The most important thing offered in this program is the ability for parents to work & stay working because they can afford to.

As a tax payer, I appreciate the chance to tell my side & maybe offer my thoughts. If you need to make cut backs maybe if they should be made in the FAIM, Food Stamp or Medicaid programs. I realize that seems harsh because they really dont get that much as it is, but if unless people are disabled ~~then~~ they should be working. I have three kids & work up to 50 hours a week at my job, sometimes it's hard on me & my kids but I know it has to be done. Even if they all worked & got Four C's help, it would still save money in the long run. No health insurance is offered at my job, but some jobs offer it to their employees & that would help with Medicaid. People learn to survive without a lot of things & maybe if they had a little push they would start helping themselves.

Four C's is more important in my family's life than I could ever explain. I love my kids, & I love my job, but I couldn't take care of us without the help from Four C's.

I wrote this letter so you could understand the importance to keep giving funding to the right place. I work hard & one day I might make enough to be in between low & middle income instead of poverty & low income where I am right now. Please help me to help myself so I can provide for my family. I am doing my best, please dont punish me for trying. If I make too much for help, that means almost [redacted]% of my income will go to daycare. CS

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard. I am proud of myself for being a single working Mom of three. It's never easy & my days are long but it's all worthwhile to me if I can give my kids a better life. If you grow up on welfare, you will probably raise your children on welfare. That isn't true for everyone, but children follow their parents footsteps & if they see you work for a living then most likely they will too. The people at the Tom C's have always been very helpful for me & my kids

Thank you,

Kara Walthen &
Makenzie, Madison, &
Bailey