

Testimony regarding: Governor's Proposed Budget

Submitted By:

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Good afternoon Sen. Osten, Representative Walker, and members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Michael Ribas and I am the Operations Director of New Haven YMCA Youth Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Governor's proposed budget for the Office of Early Childhood. Specifically I want to address the \$2.7 million cut to the early care and education line item which funds School Readiness.

I am extremely concerned about the cut of \$2.7 million from the Early Care and Education line. This represents the \$100 increase per full day full year child care slot that was put into the 2nd year of the budget. Minimum wage will increase again next September so our costs for staff will go up.

Best regards,

Michael Ribas