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**Subject:** Rep. John Mizuno

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**From:** SELENA MEDEIROS [mailto:selena\_mall@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2010 3:38 PM  
**To:** brower1-Traci; HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Rep. John Mizuno

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**From:** SELENA MEDEIROS [mailto:selena\_mall@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2010 2:47 PM  
**To:** HUSstestimony  
**Subject:** Rep. John Mizuno

Hope you have some time to read my email...

I'm a mother of 2, I work hard and even with the income that i have there is no way i would be able to afford to send my two daughters to preschool with out the help of child care payments. all most all of my paychecks goes to bills and food every month. instead of putting all the money into the rail transit, they should put the money to kids education. there are parents who had to pull there kids out of preschool cause the could not afford to pay the extra out of there pocket money... and to see the kids faces when you have to tell them they can no longer attend preschool is very sad... it's there early education that is the most critical time in a kids life for learning and soaking up all the information that a child in preschool should be learning & meeting new kids and getting them ready for kindergarten ... my daughter was having a hard time learning she started preschool in august of 2009 she can count to 15, sing her alphabets... and the one teacher that all the kids love will probably be getting cut cause a lot of the kids are dropping out due to not being able to afford child care cost on there own. and that means less kids then less teachers are needed its sad. if the preschool closes there will be no preschools in our town... a lot of parents will have to quit there job due to there kids not being able to continue preschool and not being able to afford to pay for a babysitter out of there pockets. one parent was getting \$582.00 they cut her down to \$71.00 that is crazy... i use to get \$710.00 per child now i only get \$426.00 per kid now i have to somehow come up with \$628.00 every month for the next 7 month for my 2 girl to finish preschool. i'm not sure how i'm going to do that due to that being one of my paychecks. and that \$628.00 is actually due to to the preschool on 2/9/10 for february not sure how i'm going to pull that off without not getting dropped by the preschool with not being able to pay. Well any way thanks for your time i hope you take this letter into consideration.. for our kids future

ALOHA ,  
SELENA M.

**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2010 9:25 AM  
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Testimony for HUS 1/28/2010 8:30:00 AM HB2355

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Comments:

I am a working mother who supports HB2355. I am one of the many working parents who has been abruptly affected by the recent child care subsidy cuts. Effective 2/1/10 (next week) we need to come up with an extra \$410.00 for my son to stay in preschool, & my 11 year old to continue to be able to go to an after school program that provides a safe and educational place until we are done with work. Although there are two working adults in our household, my fiance lost his job last May, and fortunately regained employed, but makes half of what he used to make. Therefore, child care assistance helped us tremendously. Without the assistance, one of us may be forced to quit our job, and ultimately seek food stamps and other state assistance.

Cutting Child care assistance at this drastic rate is detrimental to the innocent children and the honest working class people who are trying to make an honest living.

I understand that the State budget is at an all time low point, however, there has to be a better solution.

Thank you,

Raquel Gali  
Keaau, Hawaii

**Subject:** Child Care Payments

**From:** Geo & Jess [mailto:geojessaloha@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2010 10:43 AM

**Subject:** RE: Child Care Payments

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Aloha Mr. Mizuno,

The recent increase in co-pay from Child Care Connections is a threat to our well-being as a family. We simply cannot afford the out-of-pocket expense, and now are faced with making a choice between going into significant debt or giving up my job. That would also mean giving up our health insurance. If this happens, we'll likely be able to receive Aloha Care for our children, as well as food stamps and possibly other financial assistance.

Tuition assistance for preschool is a temporary need. Why punish families in which both parents are committed to working hard, and bettering themselves through school and careers? Please pass **Bill #2355**, and allow families like us to continue contributing towards our society, culture and community. Once these increases take hold, the state will have thousands of people looking for help from, rather than contributing to, our system.

Helping families like us is good for the keiki. Please urge others to make a sound decision on this issue and secure a future for them on our islands.

Mahalo,  
Jessica Young  
Honokaa, Big Island