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To whom this may concern,

I apologise if this email is not written as well as it should be, I am home sick today.

My name is Lauren Medek and I am an educator with Creative Garden Early Learning Centre Sinnamon Park QLD.

I have been an educator at this centre for over three years. I love my job, which is lucky as I sure don't do it for the pay. It is disgusting the amount of work and responsibility we have for such low pay.

I am a mother and a wife who works for her family. But I can barely help support us on \$500-600 a week.

I am very disappointed with the plan to only increase some of the educators wages. Aren't we all worthy?? I studied to get where I am, I care and love each child I am responsible for, I give them my all to help them exceed in life. We are not baby sitters, yet I am forced to work at a 15 year olds wage. I had better pay working at Target and all I did was put shoes on shelves!

Our kids futures are in our educators hands and carers like myself are forced to choose whether we stay and help to care for these beautiful children, or leave and find better paying jobs.

Please please I beg you, share the funding around and increase ALL of the educators wages. We are all worthy and we are all doing our best to work towards a brighter future for our wonderful kids. Kind regards, Lauren Medek.

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