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The Honorable Katherine Clark  
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I'm a proud mom of three, and when my kids were young, I sat down with my husband to go over our bills. That night, I realized my entire income went to paying for child care. We asked ourselves, "How on Earth do we make this work?"

So many parents will tell you a similar story. They'll tell you that preschool can cost as much as rent. Or that they drive over an hour just to find child care. They'll tell you that the workers who watch their children have it even worse. When parents have to choose between their kids and their jobs, businesses are hurt too. We shut out talent. We lose the prosperity parents could create.

Child care makes our economy run. And yet, Donald Trump's Project 2025 will eliminate Head Start. Close classrooms. Raise the cost of care. And JD Vance says affordable child care is "class war against normal people." You know what "normal people" want? A president who understands that this shouldn't be *so damn hard*.

That's Kamala Harris. She's seen this firsthand. You've all heard Kamala talk about her mother—she was both a brilliant scientist and an absolutely devoted mom. She had to fight to make it all work. To raise her daughters. To pay the bills. To keep the career she loved.

Kamala and Tim know that when everyone can find and afford child care, our kids will be empowered to learn. Our families will thrive. And our middle class will grow. Let's put child care at the top of the agenda. Let's build a future worthy of our children. Let's elect Kamala Harris and Tim Walz.

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