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"I am only one person!" How many times have you heard someone say that or even said it yourself?

I am that one person who you should think of each day.

I am the Director of a non-profit, and I mean really non-profit these days, preschool and childcare center.

I am a proud but frustrated advocate for children in a program that is celebrating 50 years in business in El Dorado County.

I am sure you cannot find many other businesses that can claim that status especially in connection with education in California.

I am also the person who spends considerable time fundraising, hoping that those whose own "funds" have been cut can share a little, for our children.

I am the person on the phone who listens as a mother cries that she must remove her child from our care because of the cost. A cost that she could manage until she found out she would be part of the furlough program.

I am the person who consoles parents who are trying to complete school, hold down a low paying job and make ends meet. They are the people who qualify for subsidy childcare but may never be able to choose our high quality program for their child because, "funding has been cut."

I am the person who donates school supplies to lighten the financial restraints of my "employer", a nationally accredited school.

I am the Director who would like to improve education in our community by attending funded workshops but again, "funding has been cut."

I am the person who is caring for the future educators, public safety officers, medical community and yes, law makers.

I am the person who is counting on you to make decisions based on integrity and common sense, audit the wasteful spending, and look into the young faces of California's future.

I am wondering, "Will you be able to look them in the eye?"