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Lamont Smith submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. 210894 Substitute resolution relating to the appropriation of the remainder of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

eComment: Amendment 40 to the ARPA budget proposal is for \$13,309,001 to be allocated to early childhood education initiatives. Although early childhood education is an important issue, without a well-formed State policy on early childhood education (ECE), this proposal does not appear sustainable or a responsible use of public funds. There are several places in this proposal where one may question whether public funds should be used to create specific entitlements for specific occupations. As a City of Milwaukee resident of the 10th District, among the proposed uses of ARPA funds, I strongly support the Violence Prevention Response (50), Universal Basic Income (43), Neighborhood Beautification (13), General Affordable Housing (14 - 15), 32 - 34), Earn and Learn (37), Business Cooperative Program (38). These proposals can be transformative among the programming in the ARPA budget and achieve broad based benefits for City of Milwaukee residents at large in this time of great need.

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