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guaranteed you change it, you have to have one more, now you have to have five for every one. You are simply doing precisely exactly one hundred percent the opposite of what you bright people think you are doing and you are not that dumb, you can do arithmetic. It takes so many dollars to support so much sales of bonds, so much quality. I didn't create it but that's the way it is in the real world. These funds are bought by people who invest based upon certain standards. That little change that you say is helping the poor people from 28 to 26 simply guarantees that you cut the number of low income people in this state that are now eligible so that they will buy, you have cut them by 20 percent. Guaranteed, I want it on the record so next year when you brilliant people that are going to give money to the poor people realize what you have done, I can say, I told you so. This is a sensitive one because if you were doing it intelligently it would be one thing, but you are doing it through blind...and I hate to use the word, it's just senselessness thinking that somehow magically private people in the bond market in New York are going to donate money. They don't do it. They are ruthless. They are rich, filthy rich, and they simply buy bonds based upon the quality of the doggone thing. You are undoing the fund. That little change from \$28,000 to \$26,000 eliminates 20 percent of the low income people who couldn't get a loan anywhere else. Simply eliminates them, 20 percent. And that is what some people want to do, but it isn't the people supporting the amendment that want to do it. That's the hilarious thing about this. Finally, I repeat one more time, the new program they are going to implement is going to actually do something incredibly different. It's going to add one percentage point higher, higher on the 25 or 28 thousand dollar people. It's going to make them pay one percentage more so that they can give this 25 percent down here a four percentage point break. You may undo that. At least you will undo it to the degree that you are eliminating the numbers. I don't know how more simple I can put it. Go check how bonds are bought and sold and how this fund works. It is not subsidized by this state. It is not like Minnesota where you have a guarantee. It's not like those other funds. It's got to live and die on its own merits, unfortunately. If I were doing it, I would take \$20 million of state money I'd put as a back up for it. I couldn't get away with it. You wouldn't vote for it. That's the way if you want to have a subsidy, a guaranteed back up. But this one doesn't. The only guarantee is that group in the 15 to 28 thousand dollar range that they are loaning to so that they can loan to the lower one now and take the high risk, the guy that