

March 23, 2011

Dear Senators Boxer/Cantwell/Feinstein/Gillibrand/Hagan/Lautenberg/Mikulski/Murray/Shaheen:

As organizations working on behalf of high-quality early childhood education, we are writing to thank you for your statements on the Senate floor on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in support of essential programs that help women and children and in opposition to the cuts made to child care, Head Start, and Early Head Start in H.R. 1. These funds help families work and prepare children for school and life. We are grateful for your leadership in raising awareness among your colleagues and the public of the importance of protecting and expanding these critical investments.

As we continue with this ongoing effort to maintain vulnerable children's access to and the quality of child care, Early Head Start, Head Start and other early education programs, we are encouraged to know that they have your visible and vocal support. Please let us know if there is any additional information or assistance we can provide to you.

Sincerely,

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees  
American Humane Association  
Children's Defense Fund  
Child Welfare League of America  
CLASP  
Early Care and Education Consortium  
Easter Seals  
First Children's Finance  
First Five Years Fund  
HighScope Educational Research Foundation  
Insight Center for Community and Economic Development  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Low Income Investment Fund  
MomsRising  
National Association for Family Child Care  
National Association of Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Education (NAECS-SDE)  
National Association for Regulatory Administration  
National Association for the Education for Young Children  
National Black Child Development Institute  
National Children's Facilities Network  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Head Start Association  
National Indian Child Care Association  
National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association  
National Women's Law Center  
RESULTS  
Service Employees International Union  
Teaching Strategies, Inc.  
Voices for America's Children  
Women of Reform Judaism  
YMCA of the USA  
YWCA USA  
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