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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
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Hi, I am emailing as a parent to implore you to please not cut funding to pre-education in Alaska. I was the lucky recipient of parents as teachers program, and as a result I was able to receive the support & help that I so desperately needed. Parents are supported in kindergarten through 12th grade, but when children & parents need the most guidance, from early infancy to preschool, there is little to no support to parents. Cutting this funding would cut the little support that there is (AEYC, etc).

Research shows that early infancy to preschool is the most crucial years of development, and children that receive professional support in these years are better in adult life. Supporting early childhood education is an investment in Alaska's future.

Thank you for your consideration,
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