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To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
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Hello,

In light of the recent changes to the proposed budget, my heart became very heavy. Not only am I a single mother of a preschooler but also a preschool teacher in the Fairbanks area. Seeing such great programs losing their funding would greatly impact the community. Our frigid winter months that require us to stay indoors and our short summers are opportunities for programs like Best Beginnings and others to help our children. Various activities have been sponsored by programs. Children in our area get to be a part of the Imagination Library-a program that has brought my son great joy and my students as well. His excitement when he gets a new book is unreal. He carries it around, asking me to read it often, saying it came in the mail just for him.

The experiences these programs continually provide, the events they sponsor, the advocacy they put forth on behalf of young children, will greatly affect our state as a whole. There are plenty of other areas where money could be cut. Without a solid generation after us, think about where our world will be. Losing the programs WILL affect the betterment of tomorrow's society. With a little bit of monies, they can further and grow, but with loss of complete support, they will die.

Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

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mother, teacher, student, and advocate for Young Children