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To whom it may concern,

My Name is Indira Dudley, a mother of two lovely children. When I went for my son's very first doctor's appointment they gave me an enrollment form for best beginnings (imagination library) free book subscription. I said this is awesome cause books are expensive and this will help develop my son's brain even further. At 4 years old he is a book lover, his vocabulary is amazing and always asking to go to the library to get more books. He is always looking forward for his new book every month. He is almost five and the book will stop coming soon so I signed up my 15 month old daughter for the book club too, because she love to sit and listen to us read to them weather it's before bedtime or just for fun. I love that the books opened their imagination and makes them dream big. My son can count to hundreds, knows his alphabet and knows how to write his name. All thanks to reading early. We even enrolled him last summer for a reading class of which he enjoyed. His favorite book is corduroy. I would like the same for my daughter and other children.

But yesterday I receive a letter from them saying that they cannot accept my request because their funding have been terminated. I was saddened by this news because I know how much it helped my family and most especially my son. I would love for other kids to experience the same thing my son did.

I am appealing to your office to please reconsider the budget for the kids. They are our future. We need to nourish their brain, keep them motivated and have a brighter future. I know books are not that big but it really helps. I hope that you give them another chance please.

Thank you very much, Indira Dudley