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Dear Senators:

As a resident of resident of Tok and a dad, I am writing to ask for you to restore the funding for Best Beginnings and Parents as Teachers (PAT).

I received visits home visit thought the Tok RurAL CAP Parents As Teachers program until my daughters transitioned into Tok Head Start. I enjoyed these bimonthly times to really focus on my daughters. The Home Visitor brought toys, puzzles, arts & crafts, play dough, books, ETC. and loved me getting down on the floor to play with them. She usually left us with a project or activity to in-between times. There were also the monthly groups socials where I got see my girls interact with other children and I got to meet other parents of young children.

Both of my daughters also loved getting books in the mail each month through the Imagination Library. The first book they received was the Little Engine That Could and the last one was about kindergarten. The biggest gift our family had received from the having these books are the love of reading.

My daughter Holly has been diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis. Speech and language delays have also been identified in approximately 68% of children with this genetic disorder. I believe that Holly is not experienced any learning delays in part because of her access to quality early childhood programs she has had access to here in Tok. Again, I would appreciate your support in restoring state funding for early childhood education.

Sincerely,

Kris Beeman