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To whom it may concern:

A person only needs to look at a few statistics to understand Alaska is facing many crises.

We are at the bottom of lists that indicate success for young people, for example post secondary enrollment and completion, and student standardized test scores. And, we are at the top of lists of things like rates of sexual violence, domestic violence against women, and child abuse. Right now, the state has an opportunity to invest in its future in the form of early childhood education. With all of the economic and societal benefits linked to quality early childhood education programs, we can't afford not to invest in our children.

As a community member and as a new mother, I urge you to support early childhood education now.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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