

Dear Senate Education Committee,

I am writing in support of SB8 Supporting Expanding Pre-Elementary Programs in Alaska.

First of all I want to thank you and your fellow legislators for putting young children in your thoughts and taking action on previous early childhood education votes.

I believe that SB8 needs your support because expanding pre-elementary programs in Alaska gives families more options for affordable, high-quality early education. In addition to expanding pre-elementary programs this bill will increase access to high-quality early education programs and more of our young children will be better prepared to start school. Investing in early childhood development and programs is more important than ever for Alaska's future.

Thank you for your hard work to make our state a better place to live, and I hope you will support SB8.

Sincerely,

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