

Dear Representative/Senator xx:

I am writing in support of early education – our number one tool for ensuring the state’s future economic success. I have lived in your district for xx years and always vote at (*enter location*). I am extremely concerned about the future of early education funding in Georgia and the many severe implications of cutting funding for Georgia’s universal pre-k program.

I know these economic times are tough and you are working hard to stretch diminishing resources farther than ever. It is imperative we do not let the current economic situation hold our children back. Doing so would be detrimental to our state’s future economy.

Quality early education benefits our children and families today, and our economy tomorrow. Business leaders know the best way to fix a product or process is by starting at the beginning. We must improve our education system and workforce pipeline by starting at the beginning – the same way any business person would fix a broken process.

Early education programs impact later academic success of children and reduce the costs of negative long-term outcomes. Early investment yields a significant long-term return on investment in terms of both workforce productivity and reduced societal costs of welfare and crime, leading to a better economic outcome for the future of Georgia. According to several studies, every \$1 invested in quality early education saves taxpayers up to \$17 by reducing the need for welfare, criminal justice, and remedial programs.

I believe strongly that we must provide our children with the tools they need to succeed in life. We must ensure they have a strong foundation on which to begin school so they are reading at grade level by 3rd grade, graduate high school, go on to college, and become part of an internationally competitive workforce.

This session, please help secure our future economic success by supporting Georgia’s universal pre-k program.

Sincerely,

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