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To: Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Senate Finance Committee; senate.education.committee@akleg.gov

**Subject:** Vote yes on SB 95 and 96

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Dear Members of Senate Education Committee and Senate Education Committee,

I implore you to restore the funding cuts and pass SB 95 and SB 96.

The funding cuts proposed by by the Senate budget are grossly unacceptable and will have serious ramifications to families, their children and society as a whole.

Early childhood opportunities are imperative to ensure preschoolers are ready for school. Child care assistance is imperative for families to afford child care, support and earn a living wage.

Healthy and thriving, inquisitive minds begin at birth and are foundational to learning in their early years for success in school.

I urge you to do what is right and responsible for Alaskans.

Sincerely, Laura Stats Juneau, AK