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Hello. My name is Stasey Norstrom and I am a student currently working on my teaching degree in Oregon. I learned this morning that the bill SB 321 is going to be introduced to the Senate for a vote. If this bill passes, it will be at the detriment of the five and six-year old children.

There is an ever increasing amount of research and data which states children should not be introduced to public education at such an early age. Creativity and freedom should be a cornerstone in a young child's development. They should not have reading, science, and math introduced to them at this stage.

Imagination and creativity is the key to building healthy young minds, not hard facts and data. Let them discover the world around them in an open and healthy environment. Forcing information on them in a classroom will only create closed minds and a reluctance to learn.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Stasey Norstrom