

Dear Committee Members,

April 11, 2019

I'm writing to provide comment to the Joint Committee on Student Success for the public hearing on Thursday, April 11 regarding House Bill 2019.

We have a severe lack of quality, affordable early childhood care, and services for the children and families that need it the most. I was glad to see that your committee has approved roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood programs and services. Investing in early childhood reduces inequality, expands young minds, and sets children on the path to success.

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