

To whom it may concern,

My name is Christe Fitzsimmons, and I have had the privilege of being part of Calvary Lutheran Preschool for the past 20 years, serving as both a teacher and director. In my time as a teacher, I have seen firsthand the critical need for early intervention support. There have been many years where on-site 1:1 assistance from ESD was essential for our students.

As a director, I have faced heartbreaking situations where I had to turn children away because our school simply could not afford to hire an additional teacher or special aid for just one child. This is a challenge shared by many preschools in our community.

I firmly believe that the proposed funding could make a significant difference by providing more support and resources to preschools in the area, ensuring that every child has access to the education and care they deserve

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