*DATE*

Dear *[Representative or Senator]*

I’m writing you in support of Advocacy for Children Day (March 2, 2017) to encourage you to support our children’s opportunities to “Take Off Into the Future”. Minnesota’s youngest citizens represent our future, and it’s important we provide them with what they need to be healthy, happy and successful in life. That means high quality early development and learning from birth.

*[Personal story here, including the type of early learning program, (family, child care center, Head Start or school district)]*

In my program and others around the state, we are working hard to support and prepare young children for school and life. We know that investing in high quality early learning will reap numerous benefits for our children, communities, and state. We are moving in the right direction with recent state investments, but we must do more to ensure all children have access to these important opportunities.

As an illustration of the learning that takes place in my program, I’ve included art from the children in my program and their hopes for a bright future. Please keep us in mind as you make decisions in the coming weeks.

I urge you to support early learning by *[funding Parent Aware, Early Learning Scholarships, CCAP and Targeted Home Visiting].*

Thank you for your service to our district and state.

Sincerely,

*[Your Name]*

*[Your Address]*