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Thank you for emailing your senator about the importance of including early childhood education in ESEA Reauthorization. Once you've reached the page to contact your senator (found here: <http://growamericastronger.org/contact/>), copy and paste the text below into the contact submission form.

EMAIL TEXT:

Dear Senator,

As your constituent, I urge you to support including a dedicated funding stream for early childhood education in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Children who participate in early childhood education programs from birth to age five enter the K-12 system adequately prepared and ready to learn.

What's more, local districts and states – 36 of which applied for preschool development grants in 2014 – are recognizing that they can't meet the goals of the current ESEA iteration unless they focus on the younger years. We must support our state and local leadership in their effort to meet and exceed ESEA requirements by providing a stronger federal partnership.

In order for our kids to be successful in school and beyond, we must invest in their education during the younger years. Please support young children and the efforts in our state. As a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, please let Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray know you support efforts to include a dedicated funding stream for early childhood education in any ESEA reauthorization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.