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Dear Governor Malloy,

My name is Chelsea and I go to Middletown Adult Education. My son and I are enrolled in the Even Start Program. I truly hope that you will consider funding Even Start again as I believe that it is a very valuable program. I believe that the program is very important in giving many people the opportunity to finish school. I personally, a single mother of a one year old, did not think I was going to ever make it back to school and that I would never be able to reach my life goal of being a nurse. Since I've been in the Even Start Program it's giving me the opportunity to finish high school and reach my goal. I've also gotten my license, have a part time job, and also moved into my own apartment. They have showed me great resources for my son's development, like Birth to Three. They have taught me different things to do with him to help communication. Since I have been here I have noticed I read to my son more and have learned many new activities to do with him. I feel like a lot of other women my age would agree. I think this program is amazing because woman our age should not have children young but this program is helping us make a better choice to better not only ourselves but better the life for our children. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Gauthier