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Dear Governor Malloy,

My name is Marta Rosado and I attend Middletown Adult Education in Middletown, CT. My daughter Nahla Santavenere and I participate in the Even Start program. I hope you will consider funding Even Start again as it is valuable program. This program has helped my daughter and I a lot since last year. Since I started this program I have accomplished a lot of things. For example, I now have a full time job and an apartment of my own for my family and I. I no longer receive the help of food stamps or cash assistance, which I am very proud of. The program encourages literacy for my daughter and we both have learned a lot from the teachers at the school. My daughter has grown a lot with the help of the teachers. I learned to read more to my daughter and for myself and I have seen the change it has made in our lives. Even Start gives my daughter an advantage in life and has taught her a great deal. I can say the same about me. I am excited that I have the help of people who can take care of my daughter while I get an education because my daughter is in safe hands. The program has great professional care for the kids they take good care of them while we are in the classroom. I feel safe leaving my daughter in the children's room. The program encourages me to attend school and get my high school diploma. I can honestly say due to the program I am more excited about getting my diploma in a few months and I'm even more excited for attending college next year. I can do all of this because of Even Start. If it wasn't for the program I would absolutely have no way of finishing high school and I'd just be another drop out,

minimum wage, teenage mother. I feel very strongly about this program I have grown and learned a lot from it and I am very thankful for the amount of help it has giving my daughter and I. So I would ask to take in what we mothers are trying to say and see that we need this program and that we are so very thankful for the help.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Marta Rosado