



**A Family Learning Program**

**Torrington Even Start**

Written Testimony of Francisca Duman  
Parent, Torrington Even Start Program  
Appropriations Committee  
February 16, 2016

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is Francisca Duman. I am a Torrington Even Start parent. Even Start is a family learning program that provides comprehensive family-centered education programs to improve children's academic success and to increase parents' economic opportunities.

I am writing to urge you to reinstate funding for the Even Start Program line item in the Office of Early Childhood budget to support local two generation learning.

In my community, the Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative in Partnership with the Torrington Public Schools, received \$146,952.67 from this line item which was leveraged and matched resulting in more than \$150,000 to support creating healthy outcomes for families with young children and paving a way to higher education and careers.

As a parent in the Even Start Program, see attachment

Sincerely,

*Francisca Duman*

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Jueves 11 de Febrero 2016

Buenas tardes

Mi nombre es Francisca Duman.

La razón que escribo esta carta es en primer lugar es por dar los gracias por el programa de Ven star porque nos dan la oportunidad de crecer juntos como familia y aprender ingles para así tener como ayudar en las tareas y poder ablar con las maestras en las escuelas

~~Francisca Duman~~