

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to urge the committee to restore the funding for the Even Start program.

Even Start is a very valuable resource for many of our financially disadvantaged mothers, fathers and their young children. It provides care for infants and toddlers, thus enabling our GED, ESL, ABE and NEDP students to complete their studies without having to worry about daily childcare for their loved ones.

I have seen, first hand, the progress of many parents who have attended these programs. Many have continued to further their education, have advanced their careers and become U.S. citizens. These students have been so appreciative of Even Start and Middletown Adult Education for their successes.

I strongly urge the committee to consider the positive impact this program has on our community and completely restore the funding for Even Start.

Respectfully,  
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