

March 6, 2019

Dear Representative Sanchez & Senator McCrory,

My name is Anais Marte and I'm a teen mother in high school. My daughter's name is Juliana and she is currently two years old. Thanks to the Even start program, she has been able to attend the YMCA daycare since she was six weeks old at no cost to me. I have been able to continue my education because of this great program. This June, I will be graduating high school and going on to college. My goal is to become a registered nurse. My teachers from the program have been extremely helpful with making a plan to achieve my goals. I know that without this program, I would not be the motivated and hardworking mother I am. This program has showed me many different resources for when I do move on. I strongly believe that this program is too valuable to lose and it needs to be available for years to come. It can greatly impact the lives of many young mothers. In order to have more parents benefit from these programs, please support **S.B. No. 934** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL.

Sincerely,

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