



Children are our common wealth.
A great start for children means a
great future for Massachusetts.

Dear Legislator,

I am writing to urge you to invest in high-quality early education and care and support early literacy in the fiscal year 2013 budget.

My child, _____, is a “rising star” at
(name)
_____ in _____.
(program) (city/town)

My child and other children across the state have benefited from the progress the commonwealth has made. They depend on continued support from Beacon Hill as they grow and develop.

I hope you have a framed “Rising Star” hanging in your office. These stars represent the promise and creativity of tomorrow’s leaders. I urge you to invest in high-quality early education and care for our young children. As you develop the state’s FY13 budget, please support policies and commit resources to ensure that children become proficient readers by the end of third grade, a benchmark that strongly predicts their chances of success in school and beyond.

Thank you for your leadership and support for young children and families.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Home address: _____

City/town: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____