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**Subject:** Early Childhood Intervention

Dear Education Subcommittee members,

My son taught himself to read at 3 1/2. He plays ukulele like nobody's business. He loves his preschool, which is all outdoors all year round - rain or shine! He's an Oregonian after all!

He also has a benign, inoperable brain tumor. Thankfully, it's stable after treatment, and we're living a "normal" life.

Life is as good as it is now, in large part, because of the EI services my son received starting at six-months-old. He had delays with gross motor, fine motor, and adaptive skills that would have been too difficult for me to help him overcome without the support and expertise of his physical therapist provided by Early Childhood Cares.

I'm writing to request that you please support an increase in funding for EI/ECSE services. We know that early intervention changes lives for the better forever. It did for our son.

Thank you,  
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