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Dear State Legislature,

My name is Olivia Servantes. I am an undergraduate student at OSU Cascades. As a mother of two children from a diverse background, I identified a gap in my children getting a slow start in education.

- My children did not attend preschool or a head start program.
- I did not have resources available to me provided by educators (such as Roots of Resilience).

I was inspired to attend college at the age of 40 in an effort to better support my children in education by setting the example and to gain knowledge of resources about education.

Research indicates that well-developed preschool programs could have bridged the gap I identified.

As the daughter of migrant workers, I knew my kids were disadvantaged but I did not know how. I as a mother, have identified that this disadvantage came from lack of resources available to me and equally important, my children.

Please prioritize funding early childcare and preschools. The best investment of our state dollars is in our children. We must expand opportunities for education not repeal them. Please prioritize sustaining the momentum that is already in place for our most vulnerable population, our preschoolers.

Thank-you for your time and God bless America.

Olivia Servantes

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