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The Honorable Mike DeWine

Governor of Ohio

77 S. High St.

Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

Congratulations on your election as our next governor. I, along with the many others around this state, are enthusiastic about your significant commitment to Ohio’s youngest and most vulnerable children. Indeed investments in evidence-based early childhood interventions is the most transformative strategy to improve school outcomes, increase the lifelong success of children and lay a strong foundation for economic prosperity.

As a [insert role here (e.g. parent, early education provider, business leader)], I see first-hand the need to make our children the priority. Without quality programs, too many of them fall behind their peers long before Kindergarten, and stay behind throughout their life. Study after study illustrates this point. More must be done to prepare children for success, consistent with everything we know about brain science, human development and economics. Our future workforce depends on it.

Thank you again for your dedication to Ohio kids and your commitment to increasing investments in programs that provide the opportunity for all kids to have healthy development and lifelong success. I look forward to working with your Administration in the coming months to ensure real investments and sound policy for our youngest learners. Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

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