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**From:** Cory Azmon <cazmon@fairshareonline.org>  
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Hi Tim,

My name is Cory Azmon and I'm from Massachusetts Fair Share. I tried to get in touch with the Selectmen individually, but was informed to contact you, being that you organize the agenda for the Selectboard's meetings. I was hoping that you would be able to remind the Selectboard about an e-mail I sent last Tuesday, June 16th, about early education. For your convenience, I will provide the e-mail below. Thank you for your time.

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We are reaching out to elected officials throughout Massachusetts and Chilmark on behalf of Massachusetts Fair Share to spread the word and strengthen our campaign to support early learning programs throughout the state.

**Massachusetts should lead on education, but when it comes to early education we're falling behind. Will you sign a letter demonstrating support for investment in early learning programs from Beacon Hill?**

We know high-quality early education and care is one of our best tools to address the achievement gap and help students excel. Together we can make sure Massachusetts' kids have access to affordable, quality education and have a fair shot to succeed in life. There is a growing state movement to unite behind these critical programs and solve the persistent issues facing early education and care. We need the voices of local officials who are on the front lines of education to help demonstrate public support.

Will you join us? Below is the letter we are asking officials to sign:

===== SIGN ON LETTER =====

**Strong Start for Massachusetts Children**

Every child deserves a fair chance in life, and this begins with quality early education and care. Massachusetts should lead on education, but when it comes to early education, we're falling behind. While states like Oklahoma guarantee a year of public preschool for every child, Massachusetts state spending on early education and care has declined by 50% since 2001.

Providing all children access to a high-quality early education is essential to creating a level playing field, so that no child starts kindergarten already behind. Participation in high-quality early learning programs helps children better realize their full potential, reduces the achievement gap and provides a strong foundation for future success.

I support increasing state investment in early education and care, in order to improve and expand programs for children ages 0-5 so that every child can access a high-quality early learning program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested, simply e-mail me back saying you want to join the coalition or call me at (617) 747-4373. If you have any other questions you can reach our State Director, Nathan Proctor, at (617) 747-4429.

Sincerely,

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