



When kids are too young to advocate for themselves, they need people who will fight for them.

Friends,

Here's something I've learned over eight years in the state Senate:

One of the big reasons we underfund early childhood education is because these kids are **too young to advocate for themselves**.

When we fail to invest in them, they don't complain. They don't hold a press conference. They don't stampede to the polls.

So early childhood funding remains weak, year after year — despite how **incredibly important** it is to help make sure every kid has a real chance to succeed.

Yesterday, it was my pleasure to join Rep. Alma Adams at the Children's Alliance Forum. We had a wide-ranging discussion with community leaders about what they've seen work and where we need to make more progress.

And in general, here's where I'm at:

Early childhood education needs to jump several notches on the priority list. We came **incredibly close** to passing universal pre-k for 3 and 4-year-olds this year. If elected, I will fight for this. It's crucial for those kids, but also for our country.

As a former prosecutor, I want to make the case for why these kids deserve our support — and I think I can do an effective job of doing just that.

Sometimes you have to remind people what specific policies they're supporting when they choose to support our campaign. Well, when it comes to this campaign, early childhood education is on that list.

Thanks for your support as we enter the homestretch.

Best,
Jeff