

# How to Advocate for Child Care Funding

Legislators represent YOU! Your voice matters! Contact your local representative and tell them to not support child care cuts!

**IT'S EASY:** Choose the method that you are most comfortable with.

1. **By phone:** You can telephone your legislator and speak with him/her or a staff member. You can also just leave a voicemail message stating your concern. Be sure to tell them what zip code you live in so they can verify you are from their district.

**Example:** Hi, this is Mary and I live in zip code 95432. I am calling to ask you not to support any cuts to child care. Thank you

2. **Write a letter to your legislator.** Your letters count! Personal letters can make a huge difference in the actions of your Legislators. Did you know that in a letter writing campaign, ten letters can push a legislator into action on an issue?!

Use your own words to express your thoughts. Typed letters are easier to read, but handwritten letters are fine too, as long as they are legible.

State your reason for writing. Explain how the issue affects you and those around you. Remember to share your personal experiences.

Clearly state what action you are seeking. Let them know that you are against any cuts to child care funding.

Be reasonable, specific and positive. Ask your Legislator to state his/her position on the issue in a written reply.

Thank your Legislator for his/her time and attention and for his/her support.

3. **Send a short personal email.**
4. **Make an appointment to see your legislator or a member of their staff.**
5. **Send a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.**

## YOUR VOICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!

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