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The Honorable George Miller  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

Easter Seals thanks you for introducing the Student Aid and Federal Responsibility Act of 2009 and strongly supports the Early Learning Challenge Fund established in this legislation.

Easter Seals shares the goals of this important legislation to increase the availability of quality early learning opportunities for young children and to establish core standards that can guide states to raise the quality of a statewide early learning system. Another key element is the effective coordination of Head Start, the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act's Part C and Section 619 programs – all of which provide the foundation for quality early learning.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of people with disabilities and their families. Easter Seals looks forward to working with you on passage of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Beh Neas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katy Beh Neas  
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