



## EXAMPLE LETTER TO A CANDIDATE

Date

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Dear [insert candidate name here]:

My name is [insert name here] and I live and work in District [insert district number here]. As you know, there are a number of important issues facing this community and as I prepare to make my decision on whom to vote for in the upcoming election, I wanted to learn more about you and what you would do if elected to the Texas Legislature.

As an early childhood education advocate I know that one of the single most important ways to ensure the economic viability of Texas is to invest in high quality pre-k programs such as Child Care, Head Start, and Public Pre-kindergarten. Every \$1 invested in high quality pre-k saves taxpayers up to \$7 through significantly higher earnings, higher levels of home ownership, fewer arrests, higher levels of going to college, and fewer social services consumed.

As an educator, I am not the only one speaking out on this issue. According to the Federal Reserve Bank and the Economic Policy Institute, investing in high quality early childhood education yield significant returns as these programs improve the quality of life of our children, reduce crime, make the workforce of the future more productive and strengthen our economy.

As a candidate running in District [insert district number here], I want to know what your recommendations will be to ensure children have voluntary access to high quality pre-k programs such as Child Care, Head Start, and Public Pre-kindergarten. I look forward to hearing your response and sharing that information with early childhood education advocates, parents, as well as my friends and family.

Sincerely,

Insert Name Here

Address Optional

Be Sure to Include City, State, Zip