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Subject: [aalpd-updates] Even Start Funding --- We need Your Help
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Hello everyone,

Please contact your senators and ask them to restore funding to the Even Start program during floor consideration of the Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations bill. You can locate your senator's contact information using ProLiteracy's or TESOL's interactive maps.

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The Senate Committee on Appropriations has forwarded a bill that eliminates funding for Even Start, and the full Senate is expected to consider this bill in the near future. Your contacts with senators now will help to restore funding for Even Start in the Senate Appropriations bill.

Please see the attached document for background information on Even Start and it's funding. Please feel free to email or to fax this document to your senators if they would like more information.

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WHY SHOULD EVEN START FUNDING BE CONTINUED?

A strong case for continued funding for Even Start comes from the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education. (The House-passed Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill contained level funding for the Even Start program for fiscal year 2010 in the amount of \$66 million.) The Committee provides insight as to why this program deserves to continue funding:

“The Committee strongly recommends \$66,454,000 for Even Start, which is the same amount as the fiscal year 2009 funding level. Even Start provides grants to States for family literacy programs, integrating early childhood education, adult education and parenting education, for low-income families and their children, from birth to 7 years old. Generally, these parents are not in school, are above the State's age of compulsory school attendance, and have not earned a high school diploma (or its equivalent). The Committee does not agree with the Administration's proposal to eliminate Even Start, which is based on the results of flawed evaluation studies. For example, the *Third National Even Start Evaluation: Program Impacts and Implications for Improvement, 2003*, was based on a very small sample (1.5 percent) of Even Start projects, was not representative of Even Start participants and programs, and predated new accountability measures for the program. The Committee encourages the Department to continue to work with States to improve indicators of program quality, including assessments for dual language learners, and the effectiveness of Even Start instructional services.”

Please let us know what you hear from your senators!
Thank you!

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