

Sample Letter

Legislators do NOT respond well to form letters, so it is very important that you PERSONALIZE YOUR LETTER. While we have provided you some important facts that you might consider placing in your letter, we cannot stress how important it is to SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY about the program in the letter.

Dear Senator _____:

I am writing today to thank you for your support in restoring funding at the Executive Budget's levels for the Help Me Grow program.

Quality home visiting services provide critical early intervention supports that prevent costly negative outcomes down the line—including, low birth weight, abuse and neglect, emergency room visits, criminal justice costs, and the lack of school readiness.

In these challenging economic times, you face difficult choices as policymakers, and we applaud you for making critical investments in the state's vulnerable mothers and babies. Investments in home visiting services make sense for Ohio's families and our economy.

Our community will be stronger because of these investments. Thanks again for your support, and I hope we can continue to count on that support for home visiting as the budget moves along through the rest of the legislative process.

If you would like more information about the **(INSERT COUNTY)**'s Help Me Grow program, please feel free to call me at **(INSERT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION)**.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,