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April 23, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

I write to convey my support for Bucks County Intermediate Unit's application for funding through the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant Program. Since 2015, Bucks County IU has successfully administered these programs, serving 330 Head Start and 32 Early Head Start families annually. The team consists of over 75 staff who provide critical early education, nutrition, family support, and a trusted community presence.

The current five-year grant is set to expire on May 31, 2025. Since submitting the renewal application on January 2, 2025, there has been no update or further guidance. This high-quality child care is essential to hundreds in our Bucks County community. The comprehensive early learning, health, nutrition, and family support set our children and families up for success as they enter school, and supports parents' ability to remain in our community's workforce. The benefits of these programs provided to so many throughout Bucks County are crucial to our children and families, and any disruption in access to care means that hundreds may lose vital early learning opportunities.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of Bucks County Intermediate Unit's Head Start and Early Head Start Application. I look forward to continuing to work with the Office of Head Start and Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in support of our children and families. Please do not hesitate to contact Clare Dentner ([clare.dentner@mail.house.gov](mailto:clare.dentner@mail.house.gov)) on my staff if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Fitzpatrick".

Brian Fitzpatrick  
*Member of Congress*

cc: Tala Hooban, Acting Director, Office of Head Start and Early Head Start