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Honorable Committee Members:

As a career Maine pediatrician, I have witnessed the huge benefits to individuals and society of early intervention services. Later in my career, I witnessed the decline in these services and the negative effects.

I hope and strongly urge that funds can be appropriated for rebuilding early childhood intervention. This investment pays back many times over...to the children, the families, our communities, and our state.

Thank you, Deborah Patten MD FAAP Bath ME