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Hello Interim Finance Committee,

My name is Shelly Speck. I am a resident of Gardnerville, NV and a Parent Ambassador for the Children's Advocacy Alliance. I am asking on behalf of my children, and all toddlers in Nevada that during this historic Legislative Session you as our leaders make bold steps and invest in Early Intervention services in *support of work program #23FR132752 The Foundation for Positively Kids (Agenda Item # E-35)* as well as work program #23FRF31451 Nevada PEP (Agenda Item # E20,21.) These programs ensure that every child enters school ready to learn. Speech therapy for a child with language delays, or physical therapy for a child with motor challenges can improve the developmental trajectories of infants and toddlers and prevent further delays. Timely services may also reduce the need for special education or more intensive supports when children are older.

Early Intervention services are critical particularly in the first three years of life and is an investment that we can not delay making. As a member of the Children's Advocacy Alliance, I know all kids are worth it. Thank you for supporting Nevada children.

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