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To Whom This May Concern:

**RE: SUPPORT – El Dorado County Office of Education
Head Start/Early Head Start Re-Competition Grant Funding**

The County of El Dorado supports the Re-Competition Grant Funding application submitted by the El Dorado County Office of Education for the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs.

The County of El Dorado and the County Office of Education have successfully collaborated on the Head Start Program for over 43 years and the Early Head Start Program for over 16 years. The primary focus of this partnership has been to provide low-income children and families throughout our County with quality early childhood education programs while providing support programs that are critical to ensuring the success of each child we serve. To meet this goal, the County, primarily through our Health and Human Services Agency, has coordinated with the County Office of Education to deliver numerous programs, including health, mental health, nutrition, transportation, job training and family support services.

We know this has been a long and successful partnership as demonstrated by the positive Federal Reviews over the past years as well as the continued positive feedback from the community. This success is the result of both direct on-site services to children, families and staff as well as through the participation of County Agency staff on committees and councils that support the Head Start Programs. Strong partnerships are an absolute necessity as we all strive to maximize declining resources. The streamlining of existing community services while promoting community programs has allowed us to effectively utilize available resources to the direct benefit of the Head Start Programs and the children and families who receive our services. The El Dorado County Office of Education's Head Start and Early Head Start Programs is a vital part of our family service programs.

The Board of Supervisors strongly supports the granting of 2014-2015 funds to the El Dorado County Office of Education's Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. The County of El Dorado looks forward to our continued work with the County Office of Education on these outstanding programs on behalf of the children and families throughout the County of El Dorado.

Sincerely,

Ron Briggs
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
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