

THE BEST ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

BUILDS OUR NATION'S HUMAN CAPITAL,
STARTING WITH THE YOUNGEST AMERICANS

As Congress continues the critical work of economic recovery, we call for our limited resources to be invested wisely in building human capital from the ground up, starting with our youngest citizens.

The time is now. We cannot afford to wait until budgets are back "in the black" to invest in proven programs that help infants, toddlers, and young children begin school healthy and ready to succeed.

Few investments these days offer a guaranteed investment return. This is one of them. The evidence demonstrating the benefits of quality early care and education programs includes studies that show returns ranging from 2:1 to as high as 17:1.

While the choices are not easy, we are convinced that the wisest road to recovery involves research-based programs that bring short- and long-term benefits; early education and preventive health care for children are prime examples. When we help infants, toddlers, and young children develop optimally, we simultaneously:

- provide families with needed financial relief;
- create jobs;
- grow a capable, team-ready workforce for the future; and
- save states money.

As you weigh which investments will best rebuild our economy, we urge you to ask: "Does it save dollars in the long term? Improve the workforce? Make us more competitive? Or not?"

**Please choose wisely.
Our nation's economic
future depends on it.**



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