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## Call, Write or Email Every Day During the Week of March 7

Tips to follow when contacting your legislators.....

1. Address all legislators by their title: Rep. \_\_\_ or Sen. \_\_\_.
2. Identify yourself and where you live so they know you are their constituent.
3. Make it personal; write or send messages about your local experience.
4. Be polite; thank them for their support.
5. Leave a message with their assistant if you can't reach them by phone.

**Sample key messages about **Smart Start**—Always begin with “Please do not eliminate or significantly cut Smart Start.” Then you can tell them why. Add to this list.**

1. Smart Start funding has helped improve the quality of child care in my community and for my (our) children.
2. Learning begins at birth. Young children need the very best environments while their parents are working so that they may come to school ready for success.
3. Smart Start funding has strengthened the child care businesses in our community, helping to add to our local and state economy.
4. Investing in young children makes economic sense. Smart Start has helped children in our community by.....(you fill in).
5. I am a teacher in an early childhood program in Alamance County. Smart Start funding has helped me by.....(you fill in).
6. I am a parent of a young child living in Alamance County. Smart Start funding has helped me by .....(you fill in).
7. My child has benefited from higher quality child care, thanks to Smart Start. (*Talk about your child's experience*).
8. I run a child care business in Alamance County. Smart Start funds have helped me strengthen my business by.....(you fill in).