Email to local House members

Subject: Co-sponsor HB 262 to Help [insert county name] Children & Families During COVID

Dear Rep. XXX,

[House Bill 262](https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H262v0.pdf), Smart Start Funds, would help [insert local partnership name] meet the needs of more [insert county name] children and families – especially in light of the ongoing challenges from COVID-19. This bill recognizes that families have had their lives upended by the pandemic, posing long-term risks to young children's development and learning, the availability of quality child care and, ultimately, our economy. It provides additional state appropriations to [insert local partnership name] and the statewide Smart Start network to help parents afford child care, improve young children's health, strengthen the quality of child care and support early literacy.

Representatives Donny Lambeth, Donna White, Larry Potts, and Gale Adcock introduced the bill this week. On behalf of [insert local partnership] in your community, I encourage you co-sponsor this bill. Co-sponsors for this bill will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday.

I have attached a summary of the legislation. Please contact me at [insert email and phone] if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you on behalf of [insert county name] children!