

**SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER AB1902**

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Assemblyman Rob Bonta  
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**OR??**

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RE: Support of AB1902 (Bonta)

Dear Assemblyman Bonta,

On behalf of [ORGANIZATION], I would like to offer our enthusiastic support of your bill, AB 1902, which would eliminate fees for those families using part-day state preschool. [ADD A SENTENCE HERE ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION] In our experience the imposition of this fee in the 2012-13 state budget has caused an undue burden on both families and on State Preschool programs.

For low-income families, who are eligible for state preschool services, even a few dollars per day for these fees can be an insurmountable cost; they may have to choose between paying for preschool or paying for food for their children.

For preschool programs, there are a number of challenges: it takes teachers out of classrooms to collect the fees; programs may have difficulty enrolling families, or families drop out once the fees must be paid, so programs are at risk of not earning their contracts; but most importantly, children are not coming into the classrooms and therefore are not receiving the high quality early education services that they need in order to be ready for kindergarten, and to succeed in school and in life. Research clearly shows the benefits of quality early learning experiences for preschool aged children with high needs.

This fee is a hardship for families and state preschool programs. We must reverse this policy, and we are pleased to support you in your efforts to do so.

If we can provide any additional information or support, please don't hesitate to contact us. We thank you for authoring this important legislation and look forward to working with you to make it a reality.

Sincerely,

**NAME**

CC: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Assemblyman Das Williams  
Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian