

# ADVOCACY ACTION REQUESTED

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Share your support for ECFE bill.



## INSTRUCTIONS & SCRIPT to leave a voicemail/email message for your legislator.

Search your address (or the address of the ECFE program you work in): <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>

1. Click on the “contact” button next to the photo that says “MN Senate” (NOT “U.S. Senate”) and “MN House” (NOT “U.S. House”).
2. Call their office phone number, email them at the address provided, or fill out their online contact form (some do not use email and require a web form).
3. Read the script into voicemail or copy/paste it for an email or web form message.
4. Done - you did it!

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Hello,

My name is **NAME** and I live/work in **CITY/TOWN**.

I am writing to you today on behalf of Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). I am a **[name your role]** for the ECFE program in **[school district]**.

Please support our youngest Minnesotans, their parents and caregivers, and school district ECFE programs by supporting this bill:

We are seeking to fund two full-time positions with an operating budget at the Minnesota Department of Education. People in these roles will solely guide and support ECFE.

The following priorities will be accomplished through adding these positions:

**Program Support** (guidance for new and existing coordinators, recruitment, and retention of licensed educators, professional growth & development).

**Family Support** (continued guidance of prenatal-grade 3 family engagement, leadership that ensures equity for families across districts) increasing awareness of resources available in ECFE.

**Assessment/Quality Assurance/Data Collection** (accountability of quality programming with data-informed decision making, alignment of ECFE state-level curriculum, goals, and outcomes with Pre-K to Grade 3, assessing and evaluating the efficacy of ECFE programming)

We believe that we will see the following results with the addition of the two full-time positions:

- Fill gaps left by the pandemic that support developmental screening and mental health needs.
- Continue to meet expanding family challenges with two generational support.
- Better interagency work at the state level leading to efficiency and economic stability (and less duplication of services).
- Greater support for enhanced programming in every district across the state.

Thank you for your support for our youngest Minnesotans and all of the parents and teachers dedicated to helping them thrive.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Your Name

Your Home Address