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Joe P. Lockhart
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The White House
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Dear Mr. Lockhart:

As the editor of *Children and Families*, the quarterly magazine of the National Head Start Association (NHSA), I would like to offer President Clinton an opportunity to contribute a personal note to our readers. In case you are not familiar with NHSA, we are an organization that advocates for the Head Start program. We believe in the need to enrich the lives of children who are members of low-income families. Through support, encouragement, and — most importantly — education, Head Start works to provide these children and their families with the opportunities they deserve. A foundation for a lifetime of learning and success. And NHSA works hard to make sure that this is possible.

Children and Families provides readers with information that is important to the Head Start community. Our articles cover a wide variety of educational and administrative topics. Because NHSA's goal is to advocate for the Head Start program, we understand the importance of educating our readers about the legislative process and keeping them informed about legislative news. One of the ways we do this is through our "Guest Editorial" department. These editorials are written by members of Congress. In the past we have featured Senator James M. Jeffords, Senator Christopher J. Dodd, Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Michael N. Castle, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

Since the start of the Clinton/Gore Administration, Head Start appropriations has increased 90%, sustained quality services and increased enrollment, approaching his goal of one million children in the program by 2002. As a strong supporter of Head Start and education in general, I would like to invite President Clinton to contribute to our "Guest Editorial" department. This would be a wonderful opportunity for the President to reach a very important audience — and I know that our readers would be delighted to read this personal message of support.

Our readers consist of approximately 40,000 Head Start program directors, teachers, staff members, parents, and early childhood professionals. A copy of every issue is also sent to each member of Congress.

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I hope that you will agree that this is a valuable opportunity for your Administration to communicate with a very important and attentive audience. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me by telephone at (703) 739-7561 or NHSA's Government Affairs Division at (703) 739-0875. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Konieczny', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie Konieczny
Editor, *Children and Families*