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Dear Mr. Durfey,

Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns about education and the future of our children, issues very close to my heart.

A good education is the pathway to the American dream – it is how we improve the lives of our children, families, and communities. Moreover, access to education is a fundamental civil right, which is why I have always been committed to ensuring all California children are guaranteed that right. When I served as Attorney General of California, I established the Bureau of Children's Justice to fight discrimination and inequalities in our state's education and foster care systems. I led efforts to reduce elementary school truancy and instilled best practices to better serve children exposed to trauma. As your senator, I have and will continue to fight for the well-being of our students, improve our K-12 schools, ensure that teachers have quality training and resources, and promote policies that foster innovation.

Post-secondary education is essential for securing sustainable employment with decent wages. Our nation must invest in higher education so that the next generation will be competitive in the global economy. That's why one of the very first bills that I co-sponsored in the Senate, the College for All Act, makes public colleges and universities tuition-free for working families and significantly reduces student debt.

An investment in education is critical to the future health and safety of our country. I will continue to focus on eliminating disparities in the public education system and protecting young Californians. As your senator, I am determined to strengthen our education system so that every child can learn and contribute to our communities.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3553.

Sincerely,

Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator