

My work to improve education

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Dear Mr. Shannon,

Hello, I'm Dina Titus, and I am proud to represent you in Congress. As a longtime educator, I have been advocating for investments in early childhood development efforts, including Pre-Kindergarten and Head Start programs.

Early childhood education is critical to a child's development and has a lifelong impact on that child's success. Research has shown 90 percent of a child's brain development occurs before the age of five. That is why I support efforts, like the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) program, to increase access to high-quality early learning programs. I have also pushed for funding for Head Start programs which provide more families access to childcare, establish a safe environment for development, and prepare Nevada children for success. I recently joined my colleagues in urging the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education to include \$15.4 billion for Head Start in the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Head Start has been helping underprivileged children since 1964 by offering high-quality education, health, and nutrition services to kids from at-risk backgrounds and those living in poverty, in foster care, or experiencing homelessness, in addition to employment and educational support to their parents. Research has repeatedly demonstrated that high-quality early childhood education programs, when coupled with close parent engagement, generate a significant return on investment and the advantages of Head Start can last a lifetime. Increasing funding will support a realistic cost-of-living adjustment and add quality improvement funds which can be used to make facility improvements and better classroom environments, and expand the Tribal Colleges and Universities-Head Start Partnership Program.

Be assured I will continue working to better education for children and prepare them for success.

I hope you will continue to keep me up to date about issues that are important to you. I also invite you to stay informed of my work by following me on Twitter, @RepDinaTitus, Facebook, facebook.com/CongresswomanTitus, Instagram, DinaTitusNV, and by visiting my website, titus.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Dina Titus Member of Congress

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