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The Honorable Donna Shalala Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Peter Haiman, to convey his concerns about the Head Start program.

As you know, Dr. Haiman developed the Head Start Parent Involvement Program Performance Standards in 1969, which are set forth in Head Start Policy Manual I-30. As the enclosed materials indicate, Dr. Haiman is concerned that many of the program mandates delineated in this manual have not been broadly or effectively implemented in Head Start programs across the United States.

Dr. Haiman believes that the lack of direct parental involvement in Head Start programs is detrimental not only to Head Start families, but also to the educational and social development of Head Start children.

I respectfully request that the Department of Health and Human Services investigate this matter and advise me of the actions the Department will take to address the concerns raised by Dr. Haiman.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer

United States Senator

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