



National Coalition For Literacy

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July 11, 2008

The Honorable Danny Davis
U. S. House of Representatives
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

I am writing on behalf to the National Coalition for Literacy to express support for the Education Begins at Home Act. The Coalition, which represents twenty-seven national adult education and family literacy organizations, strongly supports legislation to improve the literacy of our nation's citizens.

We applaud you for understanding the importance of making all parents their children's first and most important teacher. Ensuring that parents are able to support the education of their children is a major goal of adult education and family literacy programs. Often parents are unable to help their children because they, themselves, have low levels of literacy. Adult education and family literacy programs can help parents once these needs have been identified and appropriate services are provided.

It is our hope that the supports provided through the Education Begins at Home Act will help provide parents with the tools they need to provide for the early development of their children, including education, health care and positive parenting practices.

We support H.R. 2343 and encourage its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Lynn Selmsler, NCL Policy Director (lcselmsler@cox.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherrie Claiborne". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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