

February 28, 2002

Mr. Andres Henriquez  
Carnegie Foundation  
437 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Henriquez:

I have been made aware of the work Dr. Sharon Lynn Kagan is doing with regard to the Financing Universal Early Care and Education for America's Children Project. It is my understanding that the Carnegie Foundation is supporting her work in this area and that you are soon to consider the continuation of the work to date. I would like to encourage you to not only continue the effort, but to strengthen your commitment to this most important project.

We are inviting Dr. Kagan and Mr. Richard Brandon to join us in setting the course for Mississippi's children. As early childhood care and education is on the minds of governors and elected officials across the country, I am sure we are one of many states issuing invitations to Dr. Kagan and Mr. Brandon. As this project is utilized by more states, a national picture will emerge that will be both uniquely American and representative of our state systems.

We are hopeful that Mississippi will be able to participate in this project. With your help, our state and others will be the beneficiaries of the leadership and expertise provided by Dr. Kagan and Mr. Brandon. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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