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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, we respectfully submit this letter in support of NCO's Head Start Child Development Program and its continued impact on the children and families of Lake County.

Head Start plays a vital role in our community, serving 64 children and families annually at our Lake County sites. Additionally, Lake Family Resource Center provides Early Head Start services to 72 children (aged 0-3) and their families, and E-Center operates a Migrant Head Start center in Kelseyville, serving 36 children (aged 0-5) and their families. These programs ensure that young children in our county—particularly those from low-income and underserved families—have access to high-quality early education, health services, and family support.

Rural communities like Lake County face unique challenges in providing early childhood education and family resources. Head Start bridges these gaps by offering comprehensive services that prepare children for academic success and long-term well-being. Research shows that children who attend Head Start are:

- 12% less likely to live in poverty as adults
- 29% less likely to receive public assistance as adults
- More likely to complete high school and pursue higher education
- Less likely to be arrested
- Less likely to enter foster care
- Less likely to experience poor health

The continuation and expansion of Head Start programs in Lake County should remain a priority, as they not only benefit children and families but also contribute to the overall economic stability of our region. Without access to these services, the county's already strained child care system would further impact working families, increasing unemployment and financial hardship.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your continued support of the over 730,000 children annually served in Head Start programs nationwide.

Respectfully,

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Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors