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August 14, 1979

Ms. Mildred Walker 7705 Compton Avenue Los Angeles, CA.

Dear Ms. Walker:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter expressing your concern that monies would be cut from the Head Start Program.

Many of us in Congress were very much aware of the need for Head Start to continue on its course, and we fought to make certain that the funds were not cut. In fact, 55 million dollars were approved by both the House and Senate in the Supplemental Appropriations for 1979.

For the fiscal year 1980, 735 million dollars were approved by both the House and Senate, which is a 110 million dollar increase between fiscal year 1979 and fiscal year 1980. In my opinion this increase is not enough and I shall work to see it increased.

I am pleased that our efforts will guarantee Head Start to continue its most important work - that of giving our children a "beginning for school". Many more children need its benefits.

Thank you for sharing your opinions with me.

Sincerely yours,

AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS Member of Congress

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