

## Communities United, Inc.

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Waltham residents,

It is a distinct pleasure to write this letter on behalf of MA State Representative Thomas Stanley as he seeks re-election this year. As the recent Center Administrator of the Waltham Creative Start Preschool program, I can say that we have had the honor of working with Representative Stanley for many, many years. He has proven himself a dedicated legislator in support of high quality, early childhood education in Waltham and surrounding communities. He makes it a priority to attend our annual center and family events, speaking with our parents, children and guests. He demonstrates such a sincerely genuine interest in our program and the population we serve. He has made it a point to, not only visiting our center, but takes the time to read books to our children in each classroom.

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Each year, Waltham Creative Start sends a group of parents and staff to the State House to advocate for continued budgetary support for early childhood education, Representative Stanley takes the time to meet personally and speak with each parent, listening to their stories about the tremendous benefit that this early educational opportunity has had on theirs, and their childrens', lives as the transition to public school. In addition, in recognition of the value of high-quality early childhood education, he supports legislation and budget line items that directly impact the early childhood community.

Representative Stanley has his roots in Waltham, and it shows! He has <u>never</u> let us down at Waltham Creative Start, and I imagine there are many others that can attest to his commitment to this community, as well. So I ask that you support Tom Stanley as he strives to continue his support for you!

Thank you,

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