

Sample Letter to the Editor:

Look for articles in your local paper about budget cuts, unemployment, hunger and homelessness – then reference that article at the top of your letter to the Editor.

Dear Editor:

In response to the recent article, insert title of article and date, about proposed budget cuts to _____ it is important to remember that children and families have been already been battered by a a deep recession and slow recovery. A series of budget cuts from the national, state and local level has created more hardship for families struggling to stay afloat.

With 16.4 million poor children in America, and 7.4 million living in extreme poverty, too many of us don't understand the long-term budget implications of cutting programs that move at-risk children to productive lives. For instance, did you know that eliminating early education investments now increases the chance a boy will go to prison later by 39 percent? Paying for that prison will cost us nearly three times more each year than it would have cost to provide him with a quality early learning experience. Investments in children do matter. It's a simple calculation, really. Protect now or pay later.