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Steering Committee for Supporting Healthy Early Brain Development Representative Joan Ballweg, Chair

Dear Chairperson Ballweg,

Thank you for your work in putting this committee together and for inviting me to serve with you, Vice Chair Darling, and the rest of our esteemed colleagues and committee members.

I am writing to ask that two individuals and experts on this topic be considered to present to a future meeting of the committee.

Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, a highly regarded pediatrician and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics is well-known for his work on the cognitive development of children and cites as a professional goal to help primary care providers to understand their role in early childhood brain development. His expertise would be an invaluable contribution to any discussion on childhood health, particularly the focus of this committee, and I hope we will have the opportunity to host him.

Ruth Schmidt, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, is involved closely with the Wisconsin Early Learning Coalition and the National Birth to Five Policy Alliance and has unique expertise on this issue. Ms. Schmidt has expressed her strong interest in becoming involved in this important discussion and would add a valuable perspective to our work on this committee.

I would be happy to discuss these recommendations with you and all committee members further as well as to facilitate communication with them should you wish to invite them to address the committee.

Sincerely

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