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First Name **Kate**

Last Name **Kincaid**

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Address **6055 E 5th St.**

City **Tucson**

State **AZ**

Phone **[REDACTED]**

Please type the topic or subject of PEEPS funding
your message:

Your Message **Dear Members of the Board,**

I am writing in strong support of fully funding the Pima Early Education Program Scholarships (PEEPS) so that all children who attended last year can continue, and so that more children may benefit from this vital resource. High-quality early childhood education is one of the most effective and evidence-based ways to break cycles of generational poverty, support working families, and strengthen our community's future workforce.

The benefits of programs like PEEPS extend far beyond the preschool years—students show better academic performance, stronger social-emotional skills, and reduced need for remedial education. Supporting PEEPS means investing in the economic and social health of Pima County for decades to come.

I urge you to ensure that no child loses access to this opportunity due to funding cuts, and to consider expanding the program so more families can benefit. Our community thrives when every child has the chance to start school ready to learn and succeed.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the children and families of Pima County.

Sincerely,
Kate Kincaid

Would you like a response? **Yes**

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Allison Wood

From: Anna Josephson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 10:27 AM
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To the Mayor and Members of the Tucson City Council,

I am writing today with thanks for your past support of the Pima Early Education Program (PEEPs). The City of Tucson's commitment to prioritize early childhood education is both visionary and essential for our community's future. Further, I urge you to not only sustain but to expand the City's investment in PEEPs.

High-quality preschool is one of the most effective investments we can make. Research shows that for every \$1 spent, the return to society is an estimated \$16. We know that through improved educational outcomes, individuals gain higher earnings and greater happiness, and society gains reduced crime and greater economic productivity.

As an economist, I recognize the tradeoffs that we are facing, particularly in these challenging budget times. However, I urge you to recognize the opportunities of investing in young children and huge gains for such investments. And so, I ask you to not only sustain but to expand the City's investment in PEEPs. These scholarships open the door to a lifetime of opportunity for children and families, strengthen our workforce of tomorrow, and make Tucson a more prosperous, equitable city for all.

Thank you for your leadership and for recognizing that early childhood education is not just a social program, it is smart economic policy.

Thank you for your consideration,

-Anna Josephson (PhD Economist, Mum of 2 Pre-Schoolers, and Tucsonan)