



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

PROCLAMATION

by the Children of Washington

For Us, by Us, for Our Future

We, the children of Washington, have only one chance to grow up safe and healthy.

To prepare for a great future, we count on adults of all kinds. We count on teachers to help us learn. We count on doctors and dentists to keep us healthy. We count on parents, aunties, and grandparents for love and support.

We count on the people who work in this building for something, too. We count on them to protect us.

When grown-ups do their jobs for kids, everyone is better off.

We can see these are hard times. Adults can't find work; they can't provide the basics for their families. Some of us have been homeless, hungry and sick. We need lawmakers to make good choices on our behalf.

Every child deserves a bright future. Here's what legislators can do to protect ours:

Keep State Food Assistance going. Kids need food to grow.

Protect Apple Health for Kids. Sick kids can't learn in school.

Don't cut Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care for working families. It will only make parents quit work, and that will make things so much worse.

Reject budget cuts that hurt kids of color and poor kids even more.

Find new ways of balancing the budget without hurting us.

We want to be the great moms, dads, and workers of tomorrow. We are the future. Every one of us deserves a great start in life.

Signed,

THE KIDS of WASHINGTON STATE

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at the State Capitol of Olympia