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Dear Connie and Linnea:

Thank you for taking the time to give us a guided tour of St. Mary's yesterday. During the day of March 2, 2010, legislative committees met to discuss jobs, unemployment insurance, local government reform, and many other topics. Those topics are all important to the people of our state, but I believe that no legislator witnessed anything as significant as the miracles Senator Leising and I saw at St. Mary's. What you are doing to change the cycle of poverty during preschool may well be the breakthrough so many are looking for.

I will contact you to coordinate our presentation of Reggio Emilia to the summer study committee. I am excited about teaching my colleagues about the amazing progress you are making with families that have been mired in poverty for generations. I believe that the Reggio approach could help children from every socio-economic circumstance all over Indiana, and I look forward to working with you as we begin this journey.

I thank you for your service, your willingness to open your doors to the General Assembly, and your dedication to advancing the principles of Reggio Emilia for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Head".

Randy Head
State Senator