



Baptist General Convention of Texas

March 9, 2009

The Honorable Jim Dunnam, Chair  
Texas House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Dear Chairman Dunnam,

Adult education in Texas is a priority of the Christian Life Commission (CLC). This session the CLC is working to improve drop out recovery, adult learning for those not eligible to return to traditional high school settings. This includes training and education opportunities for ESL, basic literacy, GED completion, career and technology training for adult learners, primarily 18 – 30 yrs of age. Most of these adult students are parents, who work at least one job, and also attend classes to advance their skills.

According to our analysis of the Federal stimulus package \$214 million will be made available to the Texas Workforce Commission to pay for child care on behalf of those receiving workforce job training.

Would the state of Texas be able to use any part of this particular section of stimulus money to pay for child care for parents who are continuing their education at certified programs?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzii Paynter".

Suzii Paynter  
Director, Christian Life Commission,  
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