

HavingKids.org

info@havingkids.org

Mrs. Ivanka Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

May 31, 2018

Dear Mrs. Trump,

As a mother concerned for the welfare of her child, as you are, I am writing to ask you to consider championing a major federal policy shift that would protect all children by ensuring each child a fair start in life.

A recent wave of news stories have reflected on the <u>clear trend in the United States</u> towards parents choosing smaller families. While many of the articles suggested this trend might harm the economy, there are no studies showing the per capita cost to Americans of reduced fertility. In contrast, <u>a recent study from Stanford University</u> has found that efforts to mitigate climate change could yield trillions in economic benefits.

Given this study, and the fact that <u>the best way</u> to mitigate climate change is by choosing smaller families, we ask you to change <u>course from your current preferred child care policy</u>. We urge you to champion a <u>new federal policy</u> (fully funding "529" educational savings accounts through a cooperative family planning system) that would align with the trend toward smaller in the United States, but also augment it by including incentives that would shift the family planning from a focus on parents, to a focus on future children and their right to a fair start in life.

Environmental degradation and social inequity are the greatest threats to our children. Please consider championing a new policy. Parents have the right to protect their children's future. Please help them do that?

Sincerely,



HavingKids.org

info@havingkids.org

Erika Mathews

Spokesperson

Having Kids

<u>Having Kids</u> is a 501(c)3 nonprofit nonprofit organization dedicated to reforming family planning by replacing parent-centered family planning models with the human rights-based and child-first Fair Start model.