

Good afternoon,

My name is Peggy Langlais from Colchester VT and I am here to ask you to seriously consider the proposal before you and increase the base funding for Post Permanency Services Programs in the state by at least \$300,000. As an older adoptive parent of 2 of my great nieces with complex trauma, mental health issues and developmental needs as well as the family dynamics inherently attached, I can attest to the tremendous benefit received from Post Permanency Services available to me since 2015. Services provided have been helpful and priceless in navigating the complexities of parenting to include accessing services and providers required for treatment. I have personally received assistance in identifying special needs and finding resources to meet those needs whether it be referrals, respite, training or any number of therapeutic tools. All provided with support for me the parent recognizing the need for self care to be better able to provide my family with the best care possible.

I sincerely hope you will give this proposal the consideration it deserves. The overwhelming impact provided to children in need as well as the impact on the community cannot be overstated.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please let me know.

Sincerely,

Peggy Langlais