Alexander McCracken

Subject: [External] Early Education Programs letter in response to \$.56

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Hello Senate Health and Welfare Committee Members,

My name is Sonja Raymond. I am the Owner of Apple Tree Learning Centers in Stowe. Myself and my Director, Nicole Walker have written a sign-on open letter on behalf of early education programs across Vermont. We have over 330 signatures to date.

This letter outlines the numerous sections of the bill that we very much appreciate seeing included as we feel they take important steps to creating an early education system that supports its workforce and provides affordable, accessible, quality early education and childcare for all families in Vermont. The letter also addresses concerns that we have regarding the Public-PreK changes proposed that we would like to see considered as you continue to hear testimony.

Please see the link to the letter below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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