

Thank you for your work on Act 76! It's already making a difference for child care programs in my community, with programs expanding and investing in staff.

Our rapidly growing family manufacturing business, Twincraft Skincare, has many employees who struggle to find high quality, affordable child care. There is a growing shortage of options and this is and will continue to be a barrier for young parents to stay in the workforce unless we give Act 76 a chance to take effect and make a difference for Vermont's child care system. Housing and childcare are the two biggest barriers for business and economic growth. We CAN do something about childcare. We need to get this right! It will make housing more affordable for families too!

Implementation of Act 76 has only just begun and expanded eligibility for Child Care Financial Assistance Program is not yet benefiting additional families. Please reject the Governor's proposed cuts to funding for child care and give this investment a chance to work for our communities. Act 76 is the best piece of legislation I have seen in years.

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