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My name is Faye Longo and I am a resident of East Barre. Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony regarding the proposed State budget. Every Child in Vermont deserves a great start. Please keep high quality, affordable child care as a priority as we move through this legislative session! Simply updating the market values that subsidy is based off of would make a HUGE improvement.

Single mothers in Vermont are among the poorest citizens in our State and I know because I am one. I work a fulltime job, and it is a good job, but I am still paying approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of my paycheck to childcare for my daughter! I may not always be able to afford groceries but my child will have the same educational opportunities as other children who may have two earner households! I have worked hard to come out of poverty and I will continue to work hard. Please do your part to help assure that FUTURE Vermonters will have the same access to educational opportunities and high quality care regardless of what their parents make for money!

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