

April 10, 2018

Chair Pugh,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify last Wednesday 4/4/18 on S.261. Attached you will find some comments and language recommendations for the bill as you requested.

- ***S.261 should focus on prevention not treatment.***
  - The whole point of the bill should be to focus on preventing toxic stress that leads to childhood trauma, not treating trauma after the fact. The bill should focus on and fund upstream, primary prevention and early intervention services.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Johnson

Vermont Parent Child Center Network