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Hello,

I attended the Senate and House Appropriations committee hearing in St. Albans, Vermont last night and wanted to share my testimony with you:

Hello, my name is Heather Getty and I work for Northwestern Counseling and Support Services with their Parent Child Center; I am currently the team leader of Adolescent Services. At the agency, we use the Strengthening Families Framework, which works with families to identify strengths they already have and to develop new connections and build community. Strong families are better able to cope with the challenges that life brings and less likely to fall into the grasp of problems that arise from poverty. PCCs help to make it possible to be successful in raising a strong and healthy family by helping families to get their children off to a good start in life. When children have strong families, our communities are stronger and more resilient. PCC prevention programs and services build protective factors in families that improve families overall well-being, strengthen a child's environment, and reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect. We help ensure that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to care for their children. Every dollar invested in building healthy communities reduces the demand on our health care system and helps ensure that more people will be healthier. Please support our work to strengthen our Franklin and Grand Isle families by encouraging our legislators to honor our request for additional funding to be distributed among the 15 Parent Child Centers in our state. Thank you.

Thank you for your time,

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