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My name is Ellen Drolette, I am a family child care provider in Burlington's south end. I have been providing care for children 6 weeks-school age for 25 years.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of Farm to School programs.

My connection to Farm to School is fairly new and although I have heard about the amazing connections for schools, I was not aware of the opportunities for small programs like mine until this year when I received a grant. I serve meals in my program and am always searching for ways to create better habits through modeling and serving healthy, nutritious meals. The grant this year is enabling me to purchase child friendly utensils for children to serve themselves along with new dishes to replace the old plastic we have been using for 25 years. I am so grateful for this grant.

Please do not reduce the Farm to School funding, this funding is imperative for small programs like myself to make improvements that have lasting healthy impacts on children.

Thanks for your consideration.
Ellen Drolette