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**CC:** Selene Colburn  
**Subject:** Support for Vermont after school programs

Hello Ms. Utton,

My apologies for this late submission, but I was traveling last week and unable to attend any of the appropriations meetings related to the FY2020 State Budget. I am writing to ask the Vermont legislature to provide continued financial support for Vermont after school programs. Please consider including this email in the written testimony related to the budget.

First of all, thank you for the \$600K the legislature appropriated last year for after school programs! As a single parent who works full time and has two elementary school children, I rely on the after school program that my children attend at Edmunds Elementary to provide a safe and enriching environment for my children while I finish the work day. The Burlington Kids program makes me feel confident that my children are receiving healthy snacks, playing with their friends, and participating in community activities, while allowing me to meet the obligations of the job that provides critical financial support for all of us. Without the ASP program, I would be unable to both provide for my family and unable to ensure my kids are in a safe and enriching environment after the regular school day ends.

Thousands of Vermont families depend on ASP programs like I do. This year, I would ask the legislature to consider increasing funding for Vermont ASP programs to \$2.5MM, which would increase access to high quality after school programs to all Vermont kids.

I respectfully request that you ensure that Vermont ASP programs receive adequate funding in the state budget. Vermont families are counting on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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