

I'm reaching out to say thank you for your work on Act 76, the child care bill. I was happy to speak to the Legislature last year about the importance of this legislation and was delighted to see it pass. I'm already seeing it make an impact for child care programs in my community and around the state. However, affordable access to child care is still a primary concern for our employees.

We are a fast-growing company with a small team, and child care is essential for retaining our staff. My team and I are very much looking forward to the next phases of the bill's implementation when employees like mine should become eligible for financial help from the state to pay for child care.

However, I just heard that the Governor has proposed cutting funding for this program before it even has a chance to roll out. We need to give this statewide solution a chance to benefit families, like my employees'. Please reject the Governor's proposed cuts to funding for child care. We've made great progress on this issue and need to give it a chance to make Vermont a better place to work and raise a family.

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