To the House and Senate Appropriations Committees:

My name is Chelsea Clark and I work as a registered nurse on the mother-baby unit at the UVM Medical Center. I am voicing my support for the funding request for Empty Arms Vermont in the FY25 budget. I support this funding request because I have witnessed both professionally and personally how peer support is invaluable to families facing the huge burden of grief following a pregnancy and infant loss. There is currently no other organization in the state providing these services. I support the Empty Arms Vermont budget funding request and hope you will consider this in your decisions.

Kindly, Chelsea Clark