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## **Remarks:**

I own and run a general contracting business in rural Vermont. We work all over Vermont; I live in Morrisville with my wife and 15-month old daughter. I got involved in this campaign because of my personal experience in trying to find child care but also because in my field of work, construction, we can't work from home.

Child care is our second largest expense for our family. We have talked about trying to live just off my wife's income, but it's almost impossible to live off one income. Our child care is currently 50 minutes from our house. We got on waiting lists closer to our home two years ago and still haven't found anything. In order to support our economy and grow our business we need accessible, quality, and affordable child care. This will be an expense, but it's the only way to solve this issue.