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My name is Jennifer Michalke, I live in Ludlow and am the responsive Nurse at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center in Springfield, VT. We serve 23 communities in our catchment area. I am here to help secure \$500k from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the base funding of the Integrated Grant, to allow PCCs to consistently and comprehensively provide tobacco cessation referrals and support for pregnant people and families with young children, as well as education and support to ensure infants and young children are not exposed to second-hand smoke.

As a home visiting nurse I work diligently to enhance the health of the families I work with. If I am able to help a pregnant woman and mothers to stop smoking and or vaping, the ripple effect will be healthier children – i.e normal birth weights, less ear infections, less asthma and lung infections. The effects for adults are less heart disease, lower blood pressures, less lung disease which in turn results in healthy parents being able to care for their children. In addition, they are modeling healthier life choices which in turn may help their children to not smoke and / or vape when they are older.

Thank you for your time, I hope my testimony helps to secure \$500k from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the base funding of the Integrated Grant, to allow PCCs to consistently and comprehensively provide tobacco cessation referrals and support for pregnant people and families with young children, as well as education and support to ensure infants and young children are not exposed to second-hand smoke.