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Dear Vermont Legislators,

Please increase the Vermont Parent Child Center Network's Integrated Grant Appropriation by \$1.88 million for a total appropriation of \$8,909,750 for Vermont's 15 Parent Child Centers. The increase in the funds is desperately needed as citizens in our communities continue to deal with rising costs of daily necessities' including but not limited to food, shelter, health care, and daily living expenses.

I have personally seen and utilized the services that the Vermont Parent Child Center Network provides to families in our community. I have twin 12 year old boys that I adopted from foster care after my biological children were grown and had established their own lives. I experienced significant medical issues that created the need to utilize the programs offered by the Parent Child Center in order to maintain a healthy home for my family. Three of the programs my family was fortunate to receive were food, clothing, and gifts for our children at Christmas. My family now gives weekly donations to the Vermont Parent Child Center in our community. My family has used the kindness and generosity of the Vermont Parent Child Center Program as a teaching tool with my twin boys. I am an avid penny shopper. As a family we do weekly penny shopping events to acquire food, household items, toys, learning materials, etc. After keeping what my family needs for survival I donate approximately 98% of these items to the Parent Child Center Program in Newport, VT. The Vermont Parent Child Center Network is a key part of any solution to the numerous problems that families with children are facing in today's world.

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Sincerely,

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