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Dear Members of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations,

My name is Lindsay Kill and I'm a parent to two pre-school aged children (ages 1 and 3). I'm writing to express my concern about the proposal to repurpose \$19 million in funding from Act 76, as this could negatively impact the progress we're starting to make on child care.

Prior to Act 76 expansion of CCFAP, our household income of \$120,000 disqualified us from any assistance. With Act 76, our monthly bill of \$2,900 for two children in childcare was reduced to \$900 per month. The reality is a household income of \$120,000 doesn't get you very far in Vermont anymore and especially not when nearly \$3,000 per month goes to childcare.

The CCFAP is what allows my husband and I to afford to work full time while providing key resources for our family like our home, transportation, and food. I want all Vermont families to feel as supported as we do.

I am asking the committee to please protect child care funding and continue to invest in our children, our families, and our early childhood educators. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Kill

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