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Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.
Please increase the Vermont Parent Child Center Integrated Grant Appropriation by \$1.88 million for a total of \$8,909,750 for Vermont's 15 Parent Child Centers.

I have been with our PCC for 38 years now and two areas of success stand out for me. First, is our ability to engage with families and form relationships that can last for generations. This is key to help families identify their strengths and build on them, being the best that that can be. PCC's do this so well. The other is that we have passionate staff that believe in our practices and come to work each day to do the work that needs to be done with kindness and caring. We need to maintain this level of quality care with regular increases to our allocations. These are just two of the reasons I've stayed with the agency all these years.

When we completed a community wide survey this summer, it came through loud and clear that our PCC is a trusted organization that gets things done with families. Here are a couple of quotes- "The most respected and trusted, and human-centered organization in our community. We are lucky to have every one of you doing this work, led by great people." And another- "Sunrise is a vital community organization, lifting up so many parents and children. They have continually stepped up to meet new challenges and expand programming. This organization listens and delivers." From Community Partners.

Families are coming to our PCC with more complex needs that include economic challenges, mental health issues, substance misuse, and housing instability, in addition to the support they need with their children.

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Respectfully submitted,
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