

Dear Committee Members,

As the Founder of a mission-driven staffing agency in Vermont, we work with hundreds of individuals that are seeking jobs with a particular focus on individuals with barriers and challenges. There are many.

When we place a jobseeker in a job we support them with peer coaching to help them navigate all of the barriers and challenges.

One such challenge and many times a barrier, is childcare. We as a State have a responsibility to provide the best childcare possible to ensure we are giving our children and their parents the best chance for success.

I am grateful that we have passed a lot of great legislation regarding childcare and as a member of VBSR, I am also grateful for our support and collaboration with Let's Grow Kids.

Let's finish the job and pass S.119 to support the Early Childhood Educators that will provide us a child care system that is effective.

As a business leader and supporter of the people I employ, which can be nearly 100 individuals at any given time, I am asking you to support S.119 and share my support with the committee.

Thank you and best regards,

Stuart "Mickey" Wiles

Founder

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