

**Dear Senators,**

As a Vermont early childhood educator, I write in strong support of S.119 and urge you to pass this important legislation.

I was actively involved in the workforce outreach that informed the recommendations for establishing early childhood education as a recognized profession with licensure. The recommendations put forth by the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) reflect the work and voices of our field. I really appreciate their thoughtful and intentional efforts to create a strong and meaningful bill.

Vermont has already made significant investments in the foundational supports early childhood educators need—scholarships, grants, and the historic funding through Act 76. We recognize that with public investment comes accountability, and because this process was led by educators, we ensured our recommendations include multiple entry points and strong supports for all members of our workforce.

That said, not everyone in our field has been engaged in or made aware of this proposal, and unfortunately, misinformation is spreading, creating unnecessary fear. I want to emphasize that S.119 is designed to support *all* members of the current and future workforce, with systems in place to ensure no one is left behind.

Above all, this bill is about building a professional system that delivers the best outcomes for Vermont's children. I am proud to support S.119 and respectfully urge you to pass it.

**Sincerely,**

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