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Dear Members of the Joint Fiscal Committee,

As President of the Board of The Family Place of Norwich, I urge you to reject the fiscal plan that includes a 1.6% Medicaid cut to Parent Child Centers and other critical Medicaid-funded programs across the state. Today at the child protection hearings, parent child centers received repeated praise for the vital work they are doing in saving vulnerable children and changing the lives of families across the state. Eliminating the very modest 1.6% Medicaid increase would squeeze these critical organizations doing such good work with such limited resources. On top of federal cuts that we sustained to the Families Learning Together and the Building Bright Futures programs, eliminating this funding sends exactly the wrong message! If you are really committed to serving our most vulnerable and voiceless families, you must reject this plan tomorrow. We are counting on your doing the right thing by Vermont's children! Thank you!

Posie Taylor, Hartford resident and President, The Family Place Board of Trustees