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I am writing as long time Board member of The Family Place, an extremely successful parent child center

As we constantly grapple with the complex and inadequate funding of our agency that is so important in the lives of so many disadvantaged children, it is more than troublesome to consider the impact the proposed 1.6 % Medicaid cut will have on our operation. How unfortunate that needed budget cuts always seem to be at the expense of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations. This loss will be added to the \$67,500 cut in federal funds for three years and another \$12,000 in BBF council grants.

We talk a lot about the fiscal prudence related to early intervention with young disadvantaged children. The scientific evidence is pretty conclusive that brain development in the first five year of life will have long term future effects on our children. These budget cuts are going in the wrong direction.

I know you are faced with a difficult task, but hope you will give consideration to the long term effects of these budget cuts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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