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Senator Harp, Representative Walker and Honorable Members of the Appropriations Committee

My name is Maria Zayas and I am the Clinical Supervisor for the Nurturing Families Network at Families in Crisis, Inc. in Hartford. I would like to thank you for recognizing the positive impact of the Nurturing Families Network and for preserving its funding.

The Nurturing Families Network is a federally approved, evidence-based Parents as Teachers Program and has demonstrated results through results-based accountability for all seven of the federal Performance Measures, including improvement in child development and school readiness, and improvement in child and maternal health. We look forward to continued efforts to improve and promote positive health, cognitive, and social and emotional development for children in Connecticut.

I have attached several letters written by families who wish to thank you for your support.

Thank you.

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