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Good afternoon Senator Bye, Representative Walker and Committee Members;

**My testimony is in opposition to the proposed Elimination of the Fatherhood Initiative programs currently funded under the Department of Social Services.**

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed elimination to the Fatherhood Program at Madonna Place.

I felt the need to write and stress how valuable the Fatherhood program. It is a well-known fact that children thrive far more if they have an active father in their life. I find it unsettling to think that the Fatherhood program would no longer be in existence, the importance of the program goes without saying. Fatherhood involvement not only benefits the child and family but society as a whole. Children need a positive father role model to ensure their success as an adult and/or parent in the future. **I would find it a great disservice to fathers, children and society if the Fatherhood Program were cut from the budget.**

**I am opposed to the Governor's proposed generic Agency Operations budgeting! Also this does not allow for transparency in our government!**