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Dear Senators Dever, Cleary, Davison, Magrum, and Mathern

I am writing in support of the continuation of funding of the Inclusive Care Support Grant.

I operate an in-home daycare. I care for a child who has a medical diagnosis of autism and ADHD. I have applied for and received funding from the Inclusive Care Support Grant to use to benefit this child. I have used the funds to purchase tools and materials working to support the child's needs for self-regulation, sensory processing, anger and aggression management, social interaction, and improved fine and gross motor skills. These items have helped to aid this child to manage emotions, develop coping strategies, improve social connections and strengthen fine and gross motor skills in a supportive and inclusive environment. With the child's diagnosis the challenges are ongoing, changing, and often time can be challenging. The funds have also allowed me to participate in professional development focused on autism and ADHD. This has allowed me to research and explore new methods that ease transitions and provide the most up-to-date strategies for supporting this child's development and success.

Without the funds from this grant, the purchasing of these supportive tools and materials and added education on autism and ADHD would not have been financially possible. Please continue funding for the Inclusive Care Support Grant.

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