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**From:** Talya Maynard <talya.maynard@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Re: Support of the Family Home Visiting bill H-6073

Chair Abney  
House Finance Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
Re: Support of the Family Home Visiting bill H-6073

Dear Chair Abney and members of the Committee,

My name is Talya Pacheco. I live in Bristol, Rhode Island and have received PAT (Parents as Teachers) services through Looking Upwards since June 2022 and continue to receive these services now.

This program has been and continues to be important to our family because it has allowed us the opportunity to learn how to best set our children up for success. We have been able to identify potential developmental concerns and make sure we were given the materials and access to resources needed to ensure that our children are meeting all developmental milestones in the appropriate time frames. Parents, especially new ones, are quick to look things up online, or compare their children to other children around them, but this program helps ensure that parents are aware of the facts regarding the ways in which the development of children varies. I feel comfortable knowing that there is someone outside of our family who is able to see our children regularly and know that they are safe, loved and progressing in a developmentally appropriate way. Please ensure it continues by passing the Home Visiting Act.

Thank you,

Talya Pacheco