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Petersburg Borough Assembly,
PO Box 329
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Re: Letter of Support for Childcare Financial Assistance program

Dear Petersburg Assembly,

I am writing this letter to support the request for the City and Borough CARES Act funding to support local childcare assistance.

We know from firsthand experience that families with young children have been hit hard by COVID-19. While Petersburg School District's Smart Start Plan is a quality plan that we strongly support, we recognize that this plan creates a childcare gap for families and places an additional financial burden on them. Employees who have access to quality childcare will be able to continue working and providing income for their families. This stability is important to both families and employers.

The Petersburg Medical Center strongly supports the continued collaborative efforts of the SHARE Coalition, Petersburg Mental Health Services and Stedman Partners in Education in promoting a resilient, safe, and healthy community and urges the Assembly's approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Philip Hofstetter
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