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Subject: Letter of interest for the Early Childhood Education Task Force

My name is Hannah Flor and I'm interested in serving on the Early Childhood Education Task Force. I'm a single mother of a pre-school age child and in early 2021 I struggled to find the childcare necessary when I went back to work after a Covid-related job loss. I don't have any particular expertise in the area other than my lived experience but my career prior to the pandemic was based in problem solving. Now, I work in public radio and have learned a great deal about the power of listening to people as a way to gain understanding and find solutions. The problem of available quality childcare is inextricably linked to our local economy, quality of life for both parents and children, and the necessary retention of young families in Petersburg. I've spent a lot of time in the last year thinking about ways to mitigate the problem on a local level, and while I don't know that I have any real answers, it's a problem I can't seem to stop mulling over. I hope you will consider me as a member of the Early Childhood Education Task Force. Thank you.

Hannah Flor