

March 24, 2025

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee,

I am writing you to ask that you amend HB185 to conform with Senate Bill 359 through as it was amended in this committee.

Our child attends The Arc in Montgomery County and we're absolutely thrilled with the center and staff. We have struggled with his ability to reach key developmental milestones and it's been so helpful knowing that he'd have access to these services if needed. Our child's friends receive these services, and I urge you to continue and sustain the funding levels for The Therapeutic Childcare Grant Program.

Please restore 2.2 million to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program (R00A02.57) to the FY26 budget AND conform the House Bill 185 to the same language/posture as Senate Bill 359, to ensure the appropriation of 3.7 million will be in place for the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program from FY27-29.

Thank you,

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