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**From:** Robert Griffith <rtgriffithmd@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** State Budget FY 2026 H5076

Good Evening,

I am writing to urge your support amending the RI Department of Health's budget proposal for FY 2026 to include \$356,000 dollars in state matching funding to support the RI family home visiting program. This funding will "pull-down" an additional \$1.1 million in federal funding for a total of \$1.4 million to support the home visiting program.

I am a pediatrician and serve as medical director for Meeting Street Center which oversees a large home visiting program. Our home visitors are a dedicated group of individuals who deliver important care for at risk families. Home visiting services have been shown to decrease child abuse and neglect, improve birth outcomes, improve school readiness and improve maternal education and employability. **These services provide a significant return on investment of 175-570%.**

Please recommend amendment of the Department of Health budget to include funding for this critical program.

Best regards,  
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