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Ms. Caryl Hallberg  
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November 17, 2007

Dear Ms. Hallberg,

I am writing to you in an effort to convince the Department of Children and Families of the importance of funding Covenant to Care. CCC is the most vital and very important resource to me as a social worker, but most importantly, to our children.

The State does not and cannot meet the financial needs children face day to day, from camp, ballet, karate, school trips and clothing. Our children have constant size changes due to their rapid growth and changing fashion styles they are required to make in an effort to fit in with their peers. CCC has made that a reality for so many of my kids.

CCC is the main resource for a social worker to be able to make holiday wishes realities, thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts, Santa visits, Easter baskets, back to school supplies and summer programs.

CCC has assisted families burned out of their homes, to relocate, survive and prosper. They have generated funds needed for household items, clothes and food to get these families on their feet and to remain hopeful.

Above all else, CCC has formed a desirable collaboration with social workers and our faith community. They have afforded us the opportunity to spread the word about child abuse, neglect and the need for foster homes, adoptive homes and a citizens responsibility to help a child and their family, in their very own backyard and community.

Without funding, CCC will not be able to assist the children and families of Connecticut, in such need. I personally know of many community people who dedicate countless hours of their time for this program, and will be devastated of it's demise. The Department of Children and Families needs to highlight this program as a positive part of it's success, not consider cutting it's funding.

Please consider this program, as a very important tool in our very important work.

Sincerely,

Amy E. Wiltsie  
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