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Dear Ms. Fenton,

Thank you for providing me with information regarding the Eve Fenton Love-All Foundation. I understand that families with disabled children face many struggles in finding supportive care and specialized educational experiences. The struggle to find supportive care and specialized education for disabled children becomes magnified when families receive low incomes. Their ability to cope with the problem is significantly limited. Disabled children deserve comprehensive programming in settings that provide security and nutrition.

The changes in Medicaid proposed by Governor Pataki concern me. The Governor's changes would move many children out of the comprehensive program to the limited Children Health Plus program. The changes are counter to my position, which is that of increased protection and expansion of services for disabled children and their families.

I wholeheartedly support you in your effort to increase the choices available to families with disabled children by creating an additional option for care and education. Please let me know if I can be helpful to you in this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

Scott Stringer
Member of the Assembly
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