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Vicki Fenton
c/o Honorable Scott Stringer
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Dear Ms. Fenton:

Thank you for providing me with information about the Eve Fenton Love-All Foundation. I agree with you that disabled children benefit from comprehensive programming in settings that provide security and nutrition. All families with disabled children struggle to find supportive care and engaging educational experiences for their children. Low-income families, in particular, find it very challenging to find quality care and education for their disabled children. Their choices are unfairly limited by economics.

I am particularly concerned about changes in Medicaid proposed by Governor Pataki that would move many disabled children out of this comprehensive program to the more limited Child Health Plus program. I support the protection and expansion of services for disabled children and their families. I support you in your endeavor to expand the choices available to those families by creating an additional option for care and education.

Sincerely,

Caroline Rowan
Staff Director