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Hello,

I work for Public Health Madison and Dane County and sending this email on my personal time as a Dane County resident.

I am reaching out about the 2023 ACT-186 Board of Health Amendments to the Proposed 2024 Operating Budget. I support the Nurse Home Visiting Amendment to fund two additional nurse home visitors (P&F-O-01).

For nearly a year (since November 2022) we have maintained a long wait list for both our perinatal programs. We no longer have been able to enroll some postpartum referrals and referrals that we receive late in someone's pregnancy due to our limited capacity. Some clients have been waiting for 3 months to be connected with a nurse (in the meantime we provide light case management over the phone).

The covid pandemic has created more complex lasting challenges for pregnant individuals in Dane County. We have seen a large increase of the number of referrals since before the pandemic. We are in dire need of additional staff capacity.

Public Health home visitors are an important part of a family's support network. The short period of a pregnancy is a critical window of time to provide support and impact positive birth outcomes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kristine Omen-Kaul
Resident of the Northside of Madison