April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

The Highland County Chamber of Commerce is proud to support Highland County Community Action Organization's efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County.

Our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for our members to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization's efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Regards,

Jamie M. Wheeler
Executive Director
April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of the Greenfield Exempted Village School District, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for those in the community to find employees because there are not enough flexible options for childcare, the high cost of childcare, and the general lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Quincey Gray, Superintendent
April 25, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of Fairfield Local Schools, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

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Tim Dettwiller
Superintendent
Fairfield Local Schools
April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,
On behalf of Highland County Emergency Management Agency, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

David Bushelman
Director Highland County EMA
April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of Family Recovery Services, a provider of behavioral health services, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. The high cost of childcare together with minimal flexible options and a lack of access to affordable, reliable childcare often affect access to services for those we serve in our community. Additionally, it also creates a burden for staff members and potential employees that serve our community.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Roger Cheesbro M.Ed., LPCC-S, LICDC-CS
Chief Executive Officer
April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of FRS Transportation, a rural public transit provider, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. The high cost of childcare together with minimal flexible options and a lack of access to affordable, reliable childcare often creates a burden for staff members and potential employees that serve the transportation needs of our community.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Roger Cheesbro M.Ed., LPCC-S, LICDC-CS
Chief Executive Officer

An Equal Opportunity Employer and Equal Provider of Services
April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of South Central Ohio Transit, a contract provider of transportation services, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. The high cost of childcare together with minimal flexible options and a lack of access to affordable, reliable childcare often creates a burden for staff members and potential employees that serve the transportation needs of our community.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Roger Cheesbro M.Ed., LPCC-S, LICDC-CS
Chief Executive Officer

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April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of Highland County Health Department, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, high cost, and a lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization's efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Jared Warner, MEM, RS
Health Commissioner

4/26/21
Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

Greenfield, which is located in Highland County, Ohio, has no center-based childcare programs beside the Head Start preschool program, the First Presbyterian Church preschool program, and the public-school district preschool program. All of these childcare options service children ages 3-5 through a typical school day operation.

This represents an incredible need for services in this high-risk county. There are many families in Greenfield who would benefit from local childcare. Center-based services prepare children and their families for school.

Childcare has been a top identified need throughout all of Highland County but must specifically in Greenfield. Recently, Highland County Community Action Organization purchased and renovated the building. The building houses all of the Head Start and Early Head Start children. Additional childcare would like to be pursued which could include 2nd and 3rd shift availability for families. Many families in this county struggle with employment, childcare, housing, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, high school drop-outs and poverty.

Studies indicate early intervention is the key to success. This proposed childcare program would offer early intervention within families that are high risk. The program will provide these children with some of the tools to help them succeed in later years of schooling and life.

The proposed program would expand the availability of childcare and school readiness to improve the quality of services being delivered to families in the communities. This would also guarantee children are being cared for in a safe and caring environment.

The Highland County Family and Children First Council is in support of this grant funding application. It would be a wonderful opportunity for our county to be able to provide more childcare options for families that are working or going to school.

Sincerely,

Valerie Williams
Highland County FCFC Coordinator
April 25, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of the Buckskin Community Church, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for young families to find employment because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Current, Pastor
April 25, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of Adena Greenfield Medical Center, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization's efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Josh McCoy
Senior Operations Executive Officer
Adena Greenfield Medical Center
April 25, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of Alternatives to Violence Center, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Dara Gullette
Director
Alternatives to Violence Center
April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave, Suite 200
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of the Paint Valley Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board (ADAMH), our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost of and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Penny Dehner, Executive Director
April 25, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of the Bright Local School District, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Mike Bick, Superintendent
Bright Local Schools
April 25, 2022

Alex Scharfetter  
District Director  
Rep, Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)  
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of the Highland Co Probation Department, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization's efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Tonya Sturgill, LPCC  
Highland County Probation  
Program Director/Drug Court Coordinator
April 26, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of The City of Hillsboro, our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. It is pertinent to have accessible childcare facilities within the area as it plays a huge factor in keeping the children healthy and safe, as well as parents employed and businesses open.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

Justin Harsha, Mayor
City of Hillsboro, Ohio
April 25, 2022

Alex Scharfetter
District Director
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)
7954 Beechmont Ave.

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

On behalf of Highland County Community Action Organization, Inc., our organization recognizes the need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County. Childcare accessibility directly impacts the organizations and businesses that employ working parents. It is often difficult for us to find employees because there are not enough flexible options, the high cost and lack of access to childcare. Access to stable, high – quality child care can help parents improve their labor productivity by increasing work hours, missing fewer work days and even pursuing further education or career training. It also enables mothers to enter the workforce which pays for itself through increases in family income.

While the workforce and families have changed dramatically, necessary steps need to be made to help support them. Readily available and affordable child care is paramount in finding a solution.

As the number of two working parents continues to increase, the demand for reliable and affordable child care will grow. The need for child care has never been greater because a tough economy demands both parents to work to keep their heads above water. Child care makes it possible for low income or sole support parents to take advantage of employment opportunities.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ruth Cutright, Human Resource Director

Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider
M/F/D/V
April 27, 2022

Mr. Alex Scharfetter  
District Director  
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2)  
7954 Beechmont Ave., Suite 200  
Cincinnati, OH 45255

Dear District Director Alex Scharfetter,

The need for expanded childcare options throughout Highland County has reached a critical level. Limited access to high-quality childcare is among the most often cited barriers to employment among those seeking employment and those aiming to fill vacancies. At Southern State Community College, the story is the same for individuals who want to pursue skilled training or education. Too often, a student’s best-intentioned plans are hijacked when they face the added challenge of securing reliable and affordable care for their family. As a leading education and training provider in the region, Southern State supports any approach to expand and strengthen our childcare network across the county and region.

We encourage your support of Highland County Community Action Organization’s efforts to expand the opportunity for additional and accessible childcare within Highland County. We ask that you encourage Congressman Wenstrup to include funding for this within his proposal for Congressional Directed Spending.

Thank you for your consideration of support. I am happy to expand on my comments if you wish. I can be reached at nroades@sscc.edu or 937-763-0198.

Sincerely,

Nicole Roades, Ph.D.  
Vice President of Academic Affairs