

October 2017

Dear County Executive Dinolfo and My County Legislator,

As a Monroe County resident and voter, I thank County Executive Dinolfo for taking important and meaningful steps forward in addressing the crisis of our community's rising reports of child abuse and neglect.

The evidence is clear on what works to prevent these dangers, and as a community, we all have a moral duty to prevent, reduce and effectively respond to as many instances of abuse and neglect as possible. Your reform proposals, including the creation and funding of 30 new caseworker positions, a salary increase for CPS caseworkers, and improved resources, training and mentoring for CPS staff, will move us in the right direction.

I look forward to learning more about the proposed changes and their implementation.

It is equally important to invest in preventive programs that provide support and education to families so child abuse and neglect never happen. Since 2014, County support for preventive services has dropped by \$1.7 M. Research can point us toward programs and strategies that reduce potential harm to children. Monroe County should be allocating more funds toward effective solutions.

I urge my County legislator to vote in favor of the following 2018 County budget proposal:

Restore \$1.7 M in recent cuts to funding for preventive programs, to expand access to evidence-based programs that will help children and families thrive.

Sincerely,

Name (please print – signature is not necessary):

Street Address:

City/Town & Zip:

Email address [Please print clearly]:

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