

Honorable ladies and gentlemen of the committee. My name is Tammy Mehlhaff, and I come to you on behalf of the staff of The Center for Children and Families in Billings, as well as those under our care at Second Chance Home. Today, I am here not to laud the achievements and impact of our program, although I could speak to them at length. I'm not here to place blame, or ask you for more money. What I am here to do is to ask you all to join us in finding a solution to this problem that can be a win for our families, and your budgets. If budgets need to be cut, we understand. We are a non-profit and we're used to operating on a lean budget. There has to be a way for us to come together so that everyone wins. We may not all agree on everything, but don't we all agree that stronger families are what contribute to a stronger society? Then let's work together to find a way to keep Second Chance Home going strong working with the funding that we DO have! We need you, but you also need us. Let's work together.