

February 1, 2013

Dear Rapid City Council Member,

I am writing to address my concern for not funding the proposed improvements to North Point Childcare Center through the 2013 CDBG grant.

We receive phone calls weekly from families to start in our childcare. We have to turn them away if we are full. About half of our current families are eligible for State assistance. We are trying to grow our daycare and have nearly maxed out our current layout. Our proposal to build wall systems would add classrooms and allow more families to bring their most precious children to us for their care. Two additional classrooms will require two more staff and possibly a part time staff to help cover their lunch breaks. This addition will have an economic impact to this area of Rapid City.

We are willing to remove the tv and security camera items from the bid and have had Overhead Door Company make some adjustments to their estimates. I believe that we can have the work completed for about \$25,000. Would those changes make the proposal more appealing? Is there any chance for you to reconsider funding our improvements?

Thank you for your time,

Mike Sehr
Director of North Point Childcare Center

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