**Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

**Please support and preserve the grants for Displaced Homemakers in the New Jersey Governor's State budget, part of the Division on Women, under the Department of Children and Families. Now, more than ever, we implore you to continue funding for the 22 Displaced Homemaker Network Centers throughout New Jersey. The financial and emotional well-being of many Displaced Homemakers and their families depends on your support.**

Displaced homemakers are women who have lost their primary source of income due to divorce, separation, death or disability of a spouse or partner, and must now transition from the home to the workplace to support themselves and their families. Displaced homemakers represent all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.  Women who receive services through the Displaced Homemaker Centers are more likely to obtain employment and reduce their dependence on welfare and any of the other state services. Through support services such as job readiness and job clubs, mentoring, career closets, financial workshops, computer classes, basic skills workshops and peer support groups, displaced homemakers are better able to recover from life-changing events that have devastated them financially.

Today, any cuts in funding for the Displaced Homemaker Centers would be disastrous for the Displaced Homemakers. With job training & support programs unavailable or drastically curtailed for displaced homemakers, these women may be forced to go on welfare rolls costing NJ far more money than the current budget allocation for the Displaced Homemaker Centers. Your assistance in helping many of your constituents become productive tax payers and workers is required.

**Now, more than ever, we need you to continue funding for the 22 Displaced Homemaker Network Centers throughout New Jersey. The financial and emotional well-being of so many Displaced Homemakers and their families depends on your support.**

Sincerely,

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