Valuing Workers Who Support People with Developmental Disabilities

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The New Jersey Statewide Self Advocacy Network

The Statewide Regional Family Support Planning Councils

## Make Your Voice Heard!

Dear Coalition Members.

The Budget Committees are wrapping up their public meetings and will now hear from members of the Administration regarding the FY18 Budget. This is the time to contact the Senate and Assembly Budget Chairs and weigh in with your support of the Coalition's efforts! It is critical for the chairmen to hear from as many people as possible about why we need to increase wages and how community services depend on a stable and fully-staffed workforce.

## **How Can You Help?**

- Download the letter to Senator Sarlo: bit.ly/lettersenatorsarlo.
- Download the letter to Assemblyman Schaer by bit.ly/letterassemblymanschaer.
- Print out the letters.
- We encourage you to add a personal sentiment at the bottom to better explain your experiences with DSPs and the critical role they play in your life or the life of your loved one.
- Be sure to print and sign your name at the bottom of the card and add your home address.
- Also, if possible, include a photo of your loved one who depends on the help of a DSP.
- Next, mail each card to the following addresses.

Senator Sarlo 496 Columbia Blvd. 1st Floor Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075 Assemblyman Schaer 1 Howe Avenue Suite 401 Passaic NJ 07055

## When Should You Send the Letters?

Right now! Make sure to get these letters out to the Budget Chairmen as soon as possible. Also, feel free to forward this action alert to other friends or families who may want to support our cause.