



Please copy and paste the letter below to help with your advocacy efforts. Remember to make it personal by filling in the sections about your family's specific details and needs.

To Whom It May Concern:

[Insert your story here, and tell why consumer directed services are the right fit for your family .]

It is imperative that you put the Consumer Direct Services Burns & Associates recommended rates into the Governor's Caboose Bill and the 2025-2026 Biennium Budget. Without a rate increase to at least the 50th percentile Burns & Associates recommended rates, **this service line could be facing extinction!**

These resources are a necessity for myself and my family. My family will lose family support as well as crucial advocates who promote and safeguard the rights of people with disabilities across Virginia if consumer-directed services are not available. If rapid reforms are not implemented, the loss of consumer-directed services will result in significant setbacks. This would not only place Virginia further out of compliance with the DOJ agreement, but it would also be damaging to our loved ones' quality of life and future.

Our family is grateful for your efforts to improve and promote the best quality of life for our loved ones who require special care. Please assist these vulnerable families by preserving our ability to choose our provider by doing the following: **(1) put the Consumer Direct Services Burns & Associates recommended rates into the Governor's Caboose Bill; ensure the future of this service line by (2) putting the Consumer Direct Services Burns & Associates recommended rates into the 2025-2026 Biennium Budget.**

Sincerely,