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The Colorado Arc Network (CAN) continues to strongly advocate for the right of all Coloradans to live in the homes and communities of their choice. On Monday, April 20, 2026, The Arc of Colorado, on behalf of CAN, submitted a memo to the Colorado Legislature’s Joint Budget Committee urging serious consideration and support of Senator Lisa Frizell’s proposed amendments to the Long Bill, which are scheduled to be taken up beginning Thursday of this week. This memo represents the network’s most recent communication and underscores our shared concern that budget cuts to date have disproportionately impacted children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The proposed amendments are critical to addressing the disproportionate impact and burden that recent Medicaid-related cuts have placed on Coloradans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. Many of them already face significant caregiving demands, limited access to services, and years-long waitlists for essential supports.

In light of these challenges, CAN welcomes the proposed amendments to restore certain funding for family caregivers and to mitigate or avoid the implementation of a cap on funding for and “the churn” of the DD waiver.

For CAN, this is both a fiscal and moral issue. Colorado should not balance its budget by disproportionately shifting risk onto people with IDD, their families, and the providers who support them.

The Arc of Colorado urges you to join us in reaching out to the JBC and your district legislators to ask for support of Senator Frizell’s amendments and reject budget solutions that weaken access to critical disability services for Coloradans with IDD and lengthen the path to care.