

FOR EXAMPLE ONLY: FAMILY POV
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Please Oppose Proposed Cuts to the DDA Budget

Dear Delegate/Senator _____(name)

I, _____ (your name). We are parents of a self-directing participant.

Our son is autistic and depends on his staff to pursue his goals of communication and greater independence. Each one of his amazing staff provides needed stability and have become trusted people allowing learning and growing to take place.

The proposed DDA Budget cuts could drastically reduce staff's wages and eliminates the wage exception.

Our son will lose all his staff that isn't family. They must find other ways of making a living – which is shame because they are good at their jobs. He will be devastated not to have variety of people in his life. I will then have no life, will not be able to keep my job, no time to do anything – go to a doctor, grocery store, you name it. The stress is enormous.

We are concerned that our son will not have a stable life and will regress – especially after we are no longer able to assist.

Save staff wages.

Save my son's services.

Save our family.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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FOR EXAMPLE ONLY: Participant POV
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I, (YOUR NAME), I am a self-directing participant.

I am a 30-year-old woman and an individual with multiple disabilities. I love living in my own apartment, but I can't be left alone, and I am not able to do anything for myself. I run my own business with the help of my staff and mom. I like to hang out with my friends and my boyfriend, be around little kids, laugh and tell jokes. I love my staff.

The proposed DDA Budget cuts drastically reduce my staff's wages and eliminates the wage exception.

Cutting their pay will cause my staff to leave and I'll be alone.

I am concerned because my mom can't take care of me. She is older and I don't have anyone else. I don't know what will happen to me if I lose my staff.

I am asking you to:

SAVE my staff's wages

SAVE my Life

Sincerely,

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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FOR EXAMPLE ONLY: DSP POV

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I, (Jane Doe) am a **Direct Support Professional (DSP)** supporting a person with disabilities who **self-directs their the DDA services**. I am employed directly by the individual.

I assist my client to live safely

assist them on the job and volunteer activities

assist them to keep them healthy

assist them learn life skills

assist them to manage their with anxiety.

This work depends on stable, consistency and trust.

I learned last week that proposed **DDA budget cuts** could result in a **significant reduction in my wages**, even though my responsibilities have not changed.

Cutting my pay will force me to decide if I can stay in this job if the (DDA) reduces my wages, I may not be able to survive. My wages are already stretched thin, and any reduction would push me below what is needed to meet my most basic needs.

I am asking you to:

- **Save my wages**
- **Save my job**
- **Save their services**

I want to continue supporting person I work for.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe

Address/Phone

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