

Dear Governor Murphy,

Thanksgiving is upon us and I can truly say I am most thankful for the Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in my life. I have intellectual and developmental disabilities, so it's not just convenient to have a DSP in my life - it's a necessity. DSPs help me take care of myself. They make sure I'm a part of my community and they teach me skills so I can live as independently as possible.

I realize that there are many priorities facing the State of New Jersey, but as you put together your FY'21 Budget, please remember that I need DSPs to live my life. There must be funding to increase salaries for DSPs so that I can rely on these staff to help me.

Sincerely,

