

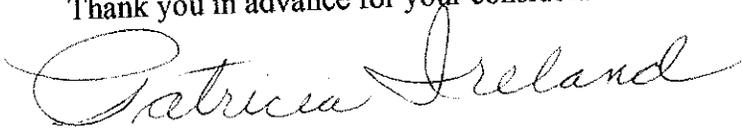
Members of the Legislature of the State of Connecticut:

I have recently been made aware that due to the State of Connecticut's budget crises, there is a possibility that Dial-a-Ride could be affected. I wonder if the Governor, as well as other elected officials that are involved in the crunching of the budget, are aware of what this means to the people that utilize this means of transportation.

I just recently starting using Dial-a-Ride so that my daughter, who lives 30 minutes away and works full time, won't have to make the trip to take me to the grocery store, or take time off from work for a Doctor appointment and other such things that can only be done during a regular working day. I have become acquainted with people that utilize this form of transportation. Most of the time it is the only time they get out from their 4 walls and see another smiling face or even have a conversation. One woman in particular is 94 years young and has never had any children. Where would this leave people like her? Depression and loneliness can be alleviated by just a little trip to the store, mall, or even a monthly trip to Wal-Mart.

This organization and drivers' care for us like we were part of their family. We have wheelchair bound seniors, amputees and etc.
Where does that leave all of us?

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter:



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