

To: Program Review Committee

Thank you for letting me speak on behalf of people who are served by the Department of Developmental Services. My name is Jamie Lazaroff. I'M a person who happens to have a Developmental or Intellectual disability. I'M the Self-Advocate Coordinator at the Arc of Quinebaug Valley in Danielson, Connecticut and I also work with our state office to unify our voices. Our private provider system is the backbone of the Department of Developmental Services and where most people who happen to have an intellectual disability receive their services. My idea as a cost cutting measure is for the Department of Developmental Services to get out of the service delivery business and strictly do real oversight with quality review with self-advocate input. The cost saving to the state for getting out of the service delivery business could be past on to the private provider agencies.

I would like to comment about the attendance-based rate the Department charges Private providers. We need to find a fair and equitable system that models society as a whole. We also need to change the level of need (LON) assessment tool and the reimbursement rate to the private providers. In my opinion this need to be fair for all and not just look at a person basic need but the whole person.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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