To: Appropriations Committee

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Thank you for letting the public give testimony electronically. My name is Jamie Lazaroff. I am a person who has a Developmental Disability. I am also the Self-Advocate Coordinator at the Arc of Quinebaug Valley in Danielson, Connecticut and work with the Arc Connecticut on statewide issues concerning people with disabilities. I'm in support of Governor Malloy's purposed budget adjustment for the Department of Developmental Services. I support and urge you to pass the Governor's 1% Cost of Living adjustment for our not-for-profit private and community based provider agencies. Our private provider system is the backbone of the Department of Developmental Services where most people who have an Intellectual/Development Disability receive their supports.

My suggestion 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 savings of the state getting out of the service delivery business could be past on to the private provider agencies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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