Russell Contaras Testimony

My name is Russell Contaras
I am a self Advocate
I am a person who uses a Wheelchair
I am a person with a Disability
But Most importantly I AM A PERSON
not a Dollar Sign.

I am a Person who has not
Reached his full Potential
20 years of Level Funding
has made me who I am Today.

With the Governor's Cuts and cuts
this Legislative body may make.
I will soon be 10% less of a person.

I am worried that I wont have staff to assist me in and out of my Wheelchair.
I am worried I wont have staff to help me with my Medical needs.
I am worried their wont be enough staff on shift to evacuate me and my housemates in case of an emergency.
I am worried that I might have to move back in with my Elderly Parents or worse a Nursing Home.

Last Month The Governor Told us at the Rally that he would give us Money to fix up our homes.

I may want a new roof , I **need** staff support.
I may want a newly painted house, I need staff to be in my Home.
I may want a new Furnace, I need to be safe and evacuate safely while in my home.

I am a self advocate
I am a voter
I am a Person asking you to look at me and not the Dollar signs.