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My name is Emily Sheffield I live in Noank CT. My Mother found out about DNEC through a friend at the time. I was in my 20s struggling to find the right job . I had employment that did not last because , the people I worked with did not understand my disabilities. I decided Social Security was the way to go. I have Learning disabilities and, some physical limitations. I have a difficult time multitasking. DANE has helped me get the services I need. I have Associates Degree in Recreation. They helped me acquire a job at Avalon Health Center. I am employed part time as a Recreation Assistant. I finally found a job that works for me. I am doing a great job. DNEC has also helped me to secure n Apartment at Mystic River Homes. I have been there for two years I am doing a lot more for myself now I do my own Cooking Cleaning Grocery Shopping. I pay my own bills. It would be a shame to take away this funding. DNEC provides a lot of services for the disabled. Without it we would be lost. There are lot of intelligent people with disabilities who need programs to help them through life. I hope you reconsider your decisions. I know we are in an economic crisis. To take beneficial programs away would be Terrible not just for myself but, for the countless other people who need it.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Emily Sheffield