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The Department of Rehabilitation Services Budget

Hello- My name Suzanne Garraffa. I am 47 years old and live in West Hartford. I have lived in Hartford more than 40 years. I was upset when I found out the Governor's budget for the Department of Rehabilitation Services cut funding for Independence Unlimited and the other Centers. There are lots of programs for the elderly and they are important too. But to me it's most important to have agencies like Independence Unlimited that help people who are mentally or physically disabled not elderly. There is a saying "cutting off your nose to spite your face." Cutting funding for the Centers for Independent Living would mean cutting off precious services to the disabled. I don't know what I would do without Independence Unlimited.

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