

My name is Ryan Cornell and I have a brain injury, my mom was told I would never walk or talk again, but the help and services I got helped me be here today, plus I am strong and so is my mom.

I have been coming to these meetings and I feel like Ct is against my Waiver. Why are some disabled people now going to be left without services? That is not proper at all!

I could have gone in a nursing home at age 18, I was in a coma for almost 3 months, if I had gone there, without my waiver, I could have stayed there for the rest of my life.

What they are doing to people on the Wait list is wrong. If I am in line, I should be able to go before the guy behind me, everyone should be treated the same, if your in line no one should get preference – that's not how lines work – every one should be able to have their needs handled when it's their turn.

Disabled people should not have to compete with each other for services. It's not OK to NOT give services to people with brain injuries who don't save the state a lot of money.

If balancing the budget by throwing brain injury survivors away, is OK, then who is next?

Don't close my Waiver, expand it for people waiting in line and keep it open for people who won't get services if you close my Waiver. Don't throw those people away.

Please do not pass the new Waiver, we have been telling you this for months, are you listening?