

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee: My name is Michael Donovan, 28 Quaker Ridge Rd, Bethel, Ct. I am addressing you on behalf of my son Stephen Donovan who is developmentally disabled and all the developmentally disabled citizens in the state of Connecticut. My son is being cared for by Ability Beyond. He has been there since 2000. My wife and I are very concerned that the services he receives are going to be seriously altered because of the proposed budget cuts that Governor Malloy is putting forth for DDS. I have testified before you in the past pleading for the same thing: Vote against any further cuts to the DDS budget; restore the rescission cuts; fund the waiting list; and fully fund DDS supports. Thank you for your support.