

Dear Members of the Committee:

We have a 17-year old son with developmental disabilities. Our son attends a public high school, and we are very proud of him. Our son wants to be part of the community in an independent living situation with appropriate supports when he graduates from school, We want our son to live in dignity, work, and develop relationships as his peers will do.

We urge you to restore the DDS.cuts and increase funding for DDS in the 2016-17 fiscal year, as well as support passage of SB918 in order to provide a sustainable plan for the future of services for all individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Connecticut. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jerry and Sheila Rothman