

To whom it may concern

My 16 year old son whom has been diagnosed with Autism just finally received funding for additional services in home this past DecI waited for years for this funding, and they are vital to him and our family. My son has struggled to be included in activities to improve the quality of his life for many years , we have finally been able to offer him support services to help him be a part of his community and assist with in home behavior modification. He thoroughly enjoys being a part of the YMCA activities and having opportunities to have a mentor and community outings. He is a young man with the ability to potentially be employed in the future and have a meaningful rich life with some support. Both his father and I are 2 hard working parents. We work different shifts to accommodate our sons needs as best we can and have done all we could to support his growth but desperately needed the added support we were just provided. Please reconsider your proposed cuts. If the choices have to be made as to whether my sons needs are met by others or if I have to quit my job to do it I will quit and end up his fulltime care giver there by not able to help the many homeless I serve as a housing coordinator in the Rapid rehousing program. I assisted over 60 families in the past 1 1/2 years with housing and love what I do. Please do not force me to choose between caring for my son our doing my job. Thanks for your further consideration to the proposed cuts.

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