

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my friend, Kerri Williams, who has a 14 year old daughter, Rachel, who is severely autistic. The Williams family has struggled a long time trying to care for Rachel at home. They have done their best, but found that they could no longer handle Rachel as she was getting older and stronger. Fortunately, they were able to find financial support through DDS, which allowed them to hire a helper who comes regularly, to work with Rachel. I have seen a vast improvement in my friend, Kerri, who has been able to now leave the house and is much happier.

I urge you all to NOT cut this budget. The services provided to my friend, her family and many other families across the state, are very important and are needed every day of the week, and every week of the year.

Thank you for your consideration,
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