

March 5, 2015

Appropriations Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Appropriations Committee Members,

I am writing to protest the cuts to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in Governor Malloy's budget. The proposed budget would mean cuts to day programs for people with developmental disabilities.

I have a 21 year-old son who will graduate from school in June. He, school staff, my husband and I have worked hard over his school years to make him as independent as possible. While my son is not capable of staying by himself, he has the skills needed to work a full day in a supported workshop setting. He is quite proud of the work he does as he knows he is helping others.

If the Governor's budget passes with cuts to DDS, my son will end up sitting home rather than successfully working. This will mean either my husband or I will have to quit our job to stay home with my son. He cannot be safely left alone while we work.

Please pass a budget that provides enough funding to DDS to provide for the needs of all Connecticut residents with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,  
Beth Lambert  
Barkhamsted, CT