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Bill Number 6824

An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30th 2017,
and Making Appropriations Therefore and Other Provisions Related to Revenue

We are in opposition of Bill Number 6824.

My name is Zeb Olko. I am a person with an intellectual disability that qualifies for services and supports from DDS. I was qualified to receive adult services and supports last year. I have been sitting home waiting! I did not receive transition services from my school district because my dream was to go to college. My school district refused to support me saying that I could not go to college because I had an intellectual disability. I told them it was my life and you can not tell me what to do. I was accepted to George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. I attended classes and interned on Capitol Hill. DDS supported my dream. I received a grant for residential assistance (RA) support that I needed to attend university classes. I am back home unable to find a job and without any DDS supports and services. I am told there is no funding. I am not asking for very much. My level of need is low. I am asking that you restore the budget cuts to DDS so I can find a job and feel like an adult.

Respectfully Submitted,

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