

*I support SB 1088 with the points outlined below:*

- *PROTECTION* for those currently living in institutions and a plan for transition to appropriate community-based settings.
- A *PLAN* to address the unmet needs of people who receive DDS services.
- A *REAL* timeline for closure.
- Long awaited *NUMBERS* on the short-term and long-term savings and costs related to closure.
- A *REQUIREMENT* that the Commissioner *REPORT* back to legislators on progress in implementing her plan no later than May 15, 2016, and December 15, 2016.

Thank you to Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and the members of The Public Health Committee for raising this important bill.

And, thank you to the [67 legislators of the I/DD Caucus](#) for having the courage to put forth an agenda that values the rights and the dignity of people with I/DD and addresses the need for real system change in DDS .

Sincerely

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