

Senator Gerrantana, Representative Ritter and the Members of the Public Health Committee.

Thank you for raising SB 1088.

This bill has it exactly correct. Our State is one of very few that still houses people in very expensive, very restrictive State run institutions. At the same time, developmental twins of those people are living with their families, many of whom are not longer able to provide the needed support, and are desperate to get help. They are being told "there is no money", but this is a lie. It is bad policy that is the problem. A plan needs to be developed to reallocate resources so that supports are available to all in need.

Thank you,

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