

To whom it may concern,

My name is Deborah Beloff and I live in Cos Cob, CT. I am writing this to let you know that I am most firmly against the governor's proposed budget cuts to DDS. I have a 16 year old son with autism and the services that these cuts would end would have a severe impact on my family. Without a day program, my son will NOT be able to be a participating member of society - he will just stay at home. I too, will have to stop working (which means less taxes and spending for the state) to be home to care for him. He deserves to live a life with purpose and our society owes, yes owes, it to our most vulnerable members to take care of them. This constant cutting of funds from the least vocal and most needy is deplorable and must stop.

Please appropriations committee, do NOT accept these cuts. Fund DDS so that adults can be part of society and FUND the DDS wait list so that they can move into the community and become full members of it.

Regards,

Deborah Beloff