

Testimony of Nicholas Glomb
to the Committee on Appropriations

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Good evening members of the Committee.

My name is Nicholas Glomb. I live in Rockville with my dad.

I have Down syndrome and I receive services from the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services.

I am here to OPPOSE the budget proposed by the Governor for the Department of Developmental Services.

The proposed budget does not include any funds to serve the thousands of individuals on the residential waiting list.

Presently, the stated policy of the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services is to withhold public support until the death or disability of the caregiver. This is an unnecessarily cruel and expensive policy.

Dealing with these needs on an emergency basis traumatizes the individual who is in need and creates poor living situations.

Funding for the Waiting List would enable Connecticut to address this essential need in a planfull way that would produce more desirable living situations at lower annual cost to the state.

Please AMEND the budget for the Department of Developmental Services by adding funds for the residential waiting list.

Thank you.