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can do. There is a limit as to how little an organization can withstand and still sustain its services!

While the organization has made every effort to control costs and to seek additional sources of funding, it will be increasingly become more difficult for BIAC to meet the obligations of its contract, including the mandated requirement for new training, without additional funding.

No other organization (state or private) within the ENTIRE state of Connecticut provides these services to the Traumatically Brain Injured population.

Removal of the state stipend (*and line item status*) that BIAC receives to maintain a staff is NOT an option – there simply is no other resource.

Every day, we learn more and more about effects of head injury and there has been a substantial increase in the number of persons being diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury.

This population within the State of Connecticut needs these services. The State of Connecticut cannot *afford* let this group fail.

We the parents and family members of the Traumatically Brain Injured urge you to create a line item to provide \$150,000 in funding to keep these resources in place. These folks, our sons, daughters, husband, wives and family members have NO other resource to obtain the information and ongoing support *after* hospitalization they need to live in their community.

We are seeking the reinstatement of the contract related funding that has been removed through attrition as well as a small amount of additional funding so BIAC can meet its mandated obligations under the requirements of our state contract. Please create a line item for the Brain Injury Alliance of Connecticut to at least \$150,000.

Thank you.

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