

## Support for SB 294

I am the parent of Jenna Herbst, who is currently receiving funds from DDS for her residential and day supports. I am submitted this testimony in support of SB 294 and suggest changes to clarify the intent.

The “waiting list” for supports has been a moving target for decades, and this results in a very unfair circumstance for the eligible citizens of our State. I recommend that separate lists be maintained for day and residential supports. Further, everyone who is eligible and who is in need of supports should be on a list maintained by DDS, and categorized by their “level of need” and the urgency of that need being fulfilled.

In addition, the families need to be notified of their status at least annually, and this notification should take into consideration any changing needs of the eligible citizen or of the family situation in regard to the primary care givers.

Thank you,

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