

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

The current ID/A workforce crisis across the Commonwealth is reducing service capacity and threatening to crash the system. Thousands of positions are vacant leaving thousands of people without services, while another 12,000 people from every district remain on the state's waiting list. Investing \$430 million in state dollars in the upcoming budget will draw federal matching funds to increase pay for Direct Support Professionals, allowing service providers and families to pay competitive wages to reverse this crisis. Our government is the only resource that funds these services. Without your help this system may not survive another year.

(Enter your personal story here)

I urge you to support this funding request and ask that you send a letter to your appropriations chair and caucus leadership.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Signed,