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To: My Senator

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I have a daughter with Down Syndrome. She is 12 years old. She loves music, her friends and playing with her dolls. She is severely delayed in her verbal communication both expressive and receptive. She is in speech, occupational and physical therapy. Our private insurance has a 30 visit limit for all therapies combined per year, which she uses in less than two months. She also has Medicaid and thankfully this allows her to continue these therapies in which she so desperately needs. When she communicates with others, most of the time they are unable to understand her so they disengage in the conversation which leaves her frustrated and upset. She requires assistance to care for herself for basic needs as well. When she accomplishes her goals or any tasks, it's heartwarming to see the pride she has in knowing what she's done. We celebrate each milestone of accomplishments. Medicare matters to us! Please don't cut programs or coverage. We cannot afford not to have this coverage. I want her to have opportunities to grow and reach her potential to be the best person that she can be in society. Thank you.