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Date: 2017-09-22 10:28:11  
To: My Senator  
From: Maritza Dell  
State: Connecticut  
Email: [REDACTED]



I have worked with Individuals with intellectual disabilities for the last 17 years of my life. Why this field? It started because of the love I have for my brother who is hearing impaired and was diagnosed with "mild retardation." Every year we advocate against funding cuts to our budgets not only for these people but for the sake of our employment as well. As an agency we truly make a difference in the life of the people we serve. We look at what their strengths and weaknesses are and we build upon them. We started our journey to save Medicaid money years ago by implementation the use of technology. One individual in particular lived in a group home setting. He now lives in his own apartment with the use of smart technology such as wellness sensors that alerts us via cell phone if there has not been any movement in the apartment for an extended period of time, medication that opens up so he can take his medications for the day and his smart phone which he can use to reach out to use via Skype if he is feeling lonely. This technology has allowed him to become independent and has allowed him the privacy that we all need. With this person alone we save the state \$70,000 a year! This doesn't include the savings the state is having because he is no longer calling 911 when he is feeling lonely. This person has now lived on his own for approximately 5 years and is employed at Nardelles. This is only one of many success stories Arc of Midstate has!

We are looking at ways to save the state money by implementing technology and reducing the use of staff! Don't cut our legs from underneath us!

Date: 2017-09-22 14:21:33

To: My Senator

From: Tracy Miller

State: Connecticut

Email: [REDACTED]



My name is Tracy Miller. I have autism. I live in New Haven with a roommate, who has Down's Syndrome. I work for Easter Seals, volunteer at a day care center and at a senior center. Even though I can do a lot of things, I wouldn't be able to do these things without help from my aides and coaches from Chapel Haven and Easter Seals. I need help with paying my bills, going to doctor's appts, negotiating recreational opportunities and educational opportunities. I need job coaching, and help with transportation. Sometimes I just need moral support.. Medicaid pays for my staff. Without them I couldn't live independently. I couldn't work and pay taxes and be a regular part of society.

I want you to vote against Graham-Cassidy Bill. It will hurt me and my friends.

Thank you.

Date: 2017-09-21 17:41:17  
To: My Senator  
From: Shelagh McClure  
State: Connecticut  
Email: [REDACTED]



My son Dan lives with Down Syndrome. He receives Medicaid funded home and community based services. His competitive employment--for which he pays taxes--began with a job coach funded thru Medicaid. He also attends a vocational Art Program funded by Medicaid, and he has sold his artwork to help pay living expenses.

These programs are at risk if the state/federal cost sharing approach of Medicaid is abandoned or the funding severely restricted. I fear that Dan's chance to become economically self-sufficient and live independently--something we should be supporting and encouraging--will be lost if we must rely on greater state funding or state funding alone, because our state has been reducing its support for disability services and has growing waiting lists for services and supports.

Please do not pass Graham - Cassidy.

**Nicole Jorwic**

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**From:** Nicole Jorwic  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** Nicole Jorwic  
**Subject:** Connecticut

Sarah Allen  
[REDACTED]

Medicaid helps with my health insurance if cut I won't get the necessary services I need for my medical and psy. Appointments.  
#nocutsnocaps #savemedicaid



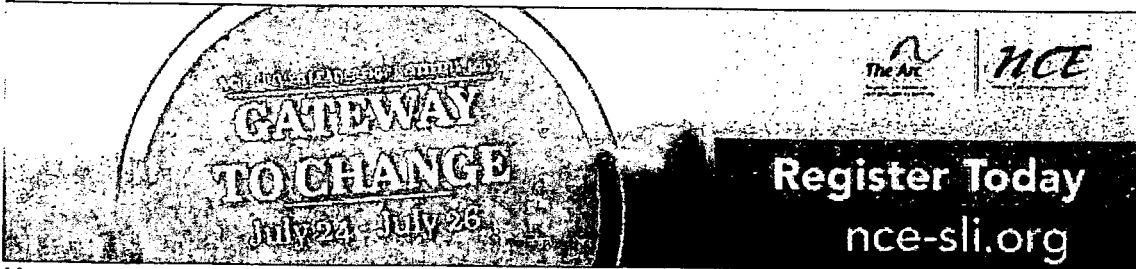
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## Nicole Jorwic

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**From:** Marcia Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 16, 2017 3:49 PM  
**To:** Nicole Jorwic  
**Subject:** Connecticut

Dear Ms Jorwic,

Without Medicaid I will lose my child with cerebral palsy to a deplorable institution. She is 15 and has Level 5 Cerebral Palsy. She cannot feed herself, speak, Sit up, Stand due to dislocated hips from not being able to walk all her life. But she is intelligent and has a wonderful personality and sense of humor. She is a burning light to all those around her. I have been working at getting her out of an institution for nine years. ~~She wants to come home. Every day she has~~ physical therapy, speech, occupational and school. Her very first wheelchair alone cost \$15,000. We have been looking for a house for six months. We need a ramp, accessible bathroom for her shower chair and various equipment including a hoist. She wears a custom fitted body jacket of neoprene that needs to be resized as she grows. Wrist splints, knee immobilizers, and a neck collar for travel and one for home when her head gets tired. She uses a g-tube for fattening her up when she won't eat since she was six years old. The formula alone comes in cases. She needs diapers, wipes, body bathing wipes and pedi pads. Her medication just for the day is baclofen, miralax, robinul, keppra, zantac, Vit D, flonase and nasal spray. This does not include her PR meds which are zofran, hydrocortisone, albuterol, pulmicort benedryl, saline, tylenol, motrin for cramps and a nebulizer for asthma issues.

Ms Jorwic, I will need help obviously to get her on the bus in the morning, and for relief time. Most likely showering.

She loves animals, we want to get her a special dog for company. She loves her step father, she loves her identical twin sister (I had TTTS), she loves me. She has been through a child's worst nightmare because of her father wanting to disown her.

And one more thing. I have Clinical Depression. Without my wonderful med I would not want to get out of bed, take a shower or just function.

My girls are the light of my life. They matter in this world. And they need me. The damage that this health care plan would cause us is astronomical. Massive. Unfathomable.

Please remember us and please ask these legislators to remember her and her mother

Marcia Miller  
Colchester, CT

Six months away from getting her HOME.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.