

**DELAWARE**

Date: 2017-09-22 11:54:22  
To: My Senator  
From: Gail Womble  
State: Delaware  
Email: [REDACTED]



KEEP MEDICAID AS IT IS NOW

My son, Will, has lived in Fairfax House (below), a neighborhood group home funded by the State of Delaware and Medicaid for 25 years. Will's support staff, his friends at Fairfax and his job at Delaware Elwyn have made a wonderful life for my son. Will has thrived in his group home and work environment. At Fairfax, the staff, who became family years ago, see that Will and his peers are engaged in many activities. Among them are church, banking, shopping, bowling, dancing, every-other-Friday-out-for-dinner, swimming, volunteering, baseball games on and on.

Because of this program, Will has enjoyed an active, vibrant life in the community guided by the Fairfax staff. This life stands in stark contrast to the friendless and lonely life Will experienced before he was enrolled in the vital State/Medicaid program.

Do not block grant or reduce Medicaid! Innocent people — Will and many others will suffer terribly. Too, many middle income senior citizens depend on Medicaid nursing facilities since their savings have been depleted.

The United States is a great nation that needs to continue preserving and protecting the lives of people who cannot take care of themselves!

- Gail Womble, Bear, Delaware

Date: 2017-09-21 22:52:56  
To: My Senator  
From: Cynthia Gratz Campbell  
State: Delaware  
Email: [REDACTED]



September 21, 2017

To whom it may concern:

I write for my family and all families facing draconian cuts in Medicaid. My daughter, Rose Campbell, is now 24 and was diagnosed with Autism at age 3 in 1995. She lost all speech and the therapies that she needed were not covered by our insurance -- Speech, Occupational Therapy, Play Therapy and Auditory Training. Fortunately, we had saved before she was born for many years, as we were older parents. We spent our savings to provide her therapies. Because we lived in Virginia, where there continues to be a very long waiting list for Medicaid, we had no recourse but to pay out of pocket. Other parents who did not have savings often put a second mortgage on their homes. We have moved twice to help our daughter get the best education to become as competent and independent as possible. Our last move was to Delaware, in 2010, when Rose was 17. Now a very verbal adult, Rose completed a full High School diploma and graduated in 2014. When she was 18, we applied for Medicaid and she was found eligible. We still have private health insurance for her, though that may end soon. She is working in the community for 16 hours each week in a supported employment program. The biggest joy in her life is going to work and her 3 employers, 2 restaurants and a bakery all report that she is a motivated, hard worker who is doing well. Medicaid pays for support in the community so that Rose can work and as she makes more pay, she reduces her SSI payments from Social Security. She is now paying rent for an apartment. She needs support in the apartment with some activities. Her mother has been providing this support, but we have plans to welcome a roommate in October 2017. This roommate will be paid \$10.75 per hour by Medicaid to provide 18 hours of support to Rose each week. When the roommate cannot support Rose, her parents will help. Rose is bright. She told us two years ago that she couldn't live with us forever and that she wanted an apartment. We have been thinking about what would happen to her when we are gone and that is still an open question. Both her father and mother are near 70 years old. Her mother has had cancer. For now, at age 24, Rose is living in her two bedroom apartment with another adult at home when she is at home. She is becoming more independent and contributing to her community. Who knows how far she can go. But if Medicaid is cut, her quality of life will dramatically decline, as will her parents. She will not be able to contribute to her own expenses. The Olmstead Act requires that people with disabilities be allowed to live in the community, as independently as their abilities will allow. It is unconscionable and perhaps even illegal under Olmstead to take the support they need away. WE aren't asking for a handout, but for a hand in the 24/7 routine that we as parents have provided for over 20 years, saving the government untold sums of money. Rose worked hard to graduate from high school. She continues to learn and grow and work hard. Don't deny her that opportunity. The costs are just too HIGH.

Thank you,

Cynthia Gratz Campbell

W. Tim Campbell

Elena Campbell, sister(away at college)

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Lewes, DE [REDACTED]  
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## Nicole Jorwic

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**From:** Nicole Jorwic  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:23 PM  
**To:** Nicole Jorwic  
**Subject:** Delaware

### Brigitte Hancharick

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Brigitte is 30 years old and has cerebral palsy. She needs 24/7 care. She lives at home and completely in the community, supported by her parents, 5 brothers and friends. Her mother was able to leave her part time because Medicaid pays her to care for Brigitte. If not for the money she receives from Medicaid Brigitte's mother would have to return to her part time job and there would be no one to care for Brigitte, her father works full time. Paying Brigitte's mother to care for her saves the state money. It would be much more expensive for Brigitte to go to a facility during the day. Brigitte's family would care for her with or without medicaid but they are fortunate enough to be able to do that. Many families are not. It is a person's civil right to be a part of their community like everyone else!

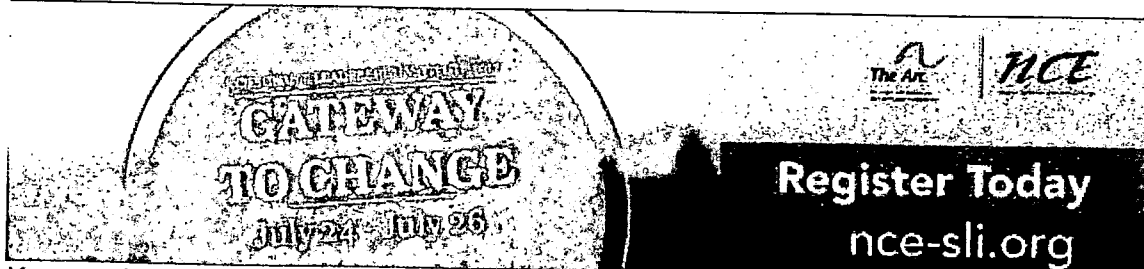


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## Nicole Jorwic

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**From:** Cynthia Campbell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** Nicole Jorwic  
**Subject:** Delaware and Virginia

Dear Senators,

I work at the community and state level to support the working poor, elderly and disabled, all of whom depend on Medicaid. I am at a volunteer job today to help these groups with monies from local churches here in Delaware. We can help in an emergency, but we can't take over the role of government and what should be everyone's right to health care.

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My own daughter, Rose who is now 24, was diagnosed with Autism at age 3. We lived in Virginia then and there was a 20 year waiting list for the Medicaid waiver. Our insurance considered our daughter's therapy needs to be educational rather than medical. They also refused some treatments due to autism as a preexisting condition. We used our savings and help from relatives to provide the extensive therapies she needed at a cost of \$400 per week and more.

Now we live in Delaware and Rose was found eligible for Medicaid at the age of 18. This has allowed her to work in the community with supported employment. She loves it and works or is active in the community 5 1/2 hours per day. If these draconian cuts in Medicaid occur, all of our efforts, the special education under IDEA and Rose's own hard work will be disrupted. I can tell you from my experience that many, many folks receiving Medicaid are working, with many working full time. You are welcome to share our story.

All the best,  
Cynthia Campbell

Sent from my iPhone