

Lori-Ann Burbo ~ Green Mountain Self-Advocates
2.4.15 Testimony to Senate Health and Welfare

I am Lori-Ann Burbo. I live in St. Albans with my 2 children. I get Developmental Services. I am worried about my services being CUT. There is a 1.9 million dollar cut for developmental services in the budget. I get services from NCSS. I have 2 jobs and I have had them since 2004. I own my own double wide trailer. I ended up getting it after being homeless when my landlord sold the building where I was living and made everyone leave!

I struggled for 2 years and I ended up with breast and cervical cancer. During this whole time the agency helped me with my 2 kids who are very challenging. We were experiencing domestic violence and it was very emotional.

Services need to be there for people like me. I was in crisis 24/7. If it wasn't me, it was my kids. Services helped me through it all and to this day. I had a worker that went through my surgery with me and I didn't have family for support! If you take away my services I could end up homeless again. And I have been homeless too many times.

Taking services away from me to give them to someone else does make any sense. It will cost more money if me and my kids become homeless again.