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I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed \$4.3 million budget cut in developmental services.

My name is Peter Case from Brattleboro. My sister is 58 years old and has a developmental disability. She is supported by HCRS whose organization can't hang onto people because of the degree of difficulty of the job and it not being commiserate with the appropriate wage. We need to be think about adding \$4.3 million dollar to the budget, not cutting it. My Father who is 80 fills the gap where he can on a fixed income, and I do what I can to pitch in as well. As a Vermonter I am growing tired of watching critical services being slashed from the budget because it effects a small portion of the population. My sister's life without support services would be bleak to say the least. The governor's proposed budget has a \$4.3 million reduction in the budget for Developmental Services would again be devastating to Vermont's most vulnerable population? Does that sound right to you? Does that sound fair? Cutting the services of people who truly advocate for their own needs! COME ON! We're better than that! We're Vermonters, we don't DO THIS!

Developmental services in Vermont are already known for being cost effective. Do not cut any more funding out of the developmental services budget.

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