

April 20, 2023

Dear Representative Martin LaLonde and Senator Dick Sears:

We strongly urge you to remove people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) from being mentioned in S89. Our Committee is made up of five members who are people with IDD, five members who are family advocates, and five members who work in professional organizations that support people with IDD. We unanimously support the removal of people with IDD from S89.

We suggest that you mandate a work group or panel, which includes both people with clinical expertise and with lived experience, be convened to discuss and to make recommendations for how to appropriately support people under Act 248 in the community.

Thank you,

Disability Services State Program Standing Committee

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