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## **Supplemental Funding for DME Reuse and AT Loan Program in Jeopardy**

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Please read the important message from Karen Langley, President and CEO of [REquipment DME and AT Reuse Program](#). This great program has brought hundreds, if not thousands, of free Durable Medical Equipment items and Assistive Technology items to people with disabilities across the state. REquipment not only saves the government money, it also fills in gaps for consumers in allowed coverage for these items.

The Senate passed their supplemental budget last Friday which included restoring cuts made by the Administration in FY 20 to **DME Reuse** (\$360k) and **AT Loan Program** (\$270k).

The Joint Ways and Means Conference Committee will be debating the budget in the next couple of days. Since the funding was not in the House supplemental budget we need to ensure they are on board with restoring the funding.

Please contact your Representative and ask them to speak with House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz to support the Senate's version restoring **\$630K to MRC's 4120-4000 account for assistive technology**. *Please do this today and tomorrow.*

If you know members of the House Ways and Means Committee please contact them as well. See attached MS Word document: [House ways and means.docx](#).

Sincerely,  
Paul Spooner, Executive Director

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