



Please Support Senate Budget Amendments  
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Center for Independent Living, Inc.



## Please Contact Your Senator!

The Budget Process is proceeding rapidly. The Senate released their Budget Proposal this week. The good news is that our IL Line Item (4120-0200) was restored, but we did not get any increase. As usual, our MetroWest senators support our needs, however, we need to get co-sponsors for their amendments. Even if you're sure that your senator is already a supporter, call them and thank them, tell your story, and reinforce the importance of these amendments. *These amendments are due on Friday, May 16 at 3 p.m., so we need your help immediately.*

Our priority amendments are:

**1. Support the Spilka Amendment to increase IL Line Item 4120-0200 by \$750,000. Ask your senator to co-sponsor Senator Spilka's amendment to increase funding for Independent Living Centers by \$750,000.** It is critical that we obtain this increase to allow continued service to our present caseload, and to expand our work to transition persons with disabilities from institutions to chosen community living. Including this amendment would result in a total appropriation of \$6.38 million.

Download the [MAILC's Position on the Amendment](#).

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Senator Spilka at  
2013 IL  
Education Day

**2. Support the Eldridge Amendment for the Alternative Housing Voucher Program by funding line item 7004-9030 at \$5,000,000. Ask your senator to co-sponsor this amendment.** This 1.55 million increase will provide vouchers for an approximately 150 additional people. Community housing costs significantly less than



Senator Eldridge at  
2012 IL Education

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**3. Support the Kennedy Amendment to fund the DME ReUse program at \$500,000. Ask your senator to co-sponsor the amendment.** The successful DME ReUse pilot ends in June and needs this funding to continue. The \$500,000 will fund the program for another year.



Senator Thomas Kennedy

If you have ever been helped by an IL Center, then you know how important our work is. ***Please ask your State Senator to co-sponsor these amendments to fund our programs.*** You can find your Senator's contact information at [www.wheredoivotema.com](http://www.wheredoivotema.com).

Thank you!

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