Please call your State Senator TODAY!

The final House Budget did not include any of our Independent Living requests. We must now focus our efforts on the Senate version.

**RESTORE IL LINE ITEM 4120-0200**
In prior years after much effort, IL Centers were funded with their own line item - 4120-0200. Ever since, this item is annually rolled back into a larger MRC line item. IL Services are critical for people with disabilities. We need stable and dedicated funding that is not vulnerable to shifting priorities at MRC. The people who want to get out of institutions, and stay in the community need to be able to count on us. Please contact your state senator, and ask him or her to move IL money out of MRC 4120-4000, and back into our own line item: 4120-0200.

**RESTORE 9C CUTS to IL**
The mid-year 9C cuts reduced the IL Funding by $84,450. Please contact your senator and ask him or her to restore our budget line item 4120-0200 to the FY ’15 promised amount of $5,630,013.

**INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING VOUCHERS**
With over 2,131 people are on the Alternative Housing Voucher Program waiting list, and over 30,000 people with disabilities on the Section 8 waiting list, housing is the biggest barrier to living independently. Please contact your state senator and ask him or her to increase the Affordable Housing Voucher
Program. With rents on the rise in MetroWest (see article from the Milford Daily News), these vouchers are increasingly important.

Thank you.

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