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To: Oregon State Legislature
From: Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition

Problem: Impact of Developmental Disability Services Budget Cuts
Solution: Voluntary Provider Assessment

Oregon's developmental disability service delivery system is effective in both controlling costs and improving life quality. Yet, the cuts in state funding for these vital services sustained over the past two years are already placing vulnerable individuals, families and communities in serious jeopardy.

We understand that the implementation of a voluntary provider assessment, when matched with federal Medicaid dollars would offset more than 2% of the impending 4% reductions. A provider assessment is already in existence for both hospital and health insurance carriers in Oregon and generates revenue for the Oregon Health Plan.

A voluntary DD provider assessment was proposed too late in the 2011 legislative session to receive action. The House Revenue Committee, chaired by Representatives Barnhart and Berger, plans to reintroduce the voluntary provider assessment bill in February.

We believe that with your support we can minimize the severity and harm of the planned cuts by allowing DD providers to be assessed 1% of contracted revenues and obtaining the almost \$9 Million in matching Medicaid funds at no cost to Oregon's General Fund.

Please join with the intellectual/developmental disability community and support the Voluntary Provider Assessment for I/DD services funded through DHS/SPD to help protect these necessary services and the jobs of those who provide them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dianne Turner'.

Dianne Turner, Chair



Thank you on behalf of the following Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition member organizations:

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Community Pathways
Community Provider Association of Oregon, Inc.
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Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities
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