



August 23, 2022

The Honorable Bob Casey
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

The undersigned 285 disability service providers and associations representing disability service providers write to thank you for your steadfast leadership in supporting the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) program, which enables individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to live full and independent lives in their communities.

Thank you for being a sponsor and champion of the Better Care Better Jobs Act, which would strengthen the HCBS program and address a decades-long direct care workforce crisis that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and for shining a light on the importance of home-based services through a hearing in the Senate Aging Committee this past March.

We especially appreciate your relentless efforts to include the Better Care Better Jobs Act as part of the budget reconciliation bill. Although an investment in HCBS was not ultimately included in the Inflation Reduction Act, we know that time and again you pressed Senate leadership and your fellow colleagues to support people with I/DD through inclusion of HCBS funding.

Unfortunately, the cracks in the existing home- and community-based infrastructure will continue to grow absent additional investments in the HCBS program. Without such investments, particularly in an overworked, underpaid, and underappreciated direct support workforce, the Medicaid HCBS program will continue falling far short of meeting the needs of individuals in our communities.

At the same time, popular support for the Medicaid HCBS program has never been higher. We are optimistic that there are legislative pathways forward to ensure the HCBS program can meet the needs of the individuals with disabilities and aging adults who rely on it. We have no doubt that you will continue to be on the forefront of Congressional efforts to bolster the HCBS program.

Thank you again for your leadership in supporting individuals with I/DD. We remain grateful for your advocacy and look forward to continuing to work with you on prioritizing the needs of people with I/DD by supporting legislation to strengthen the Medicaid HCBS program.

Sincerely,

21 Plus, Inc.
A Better Life Experience, Inc.
A Brighter Community
ABCD

Ability Connection Oklahoma
Ability Specialists
Ablelight
Able-Services, Inc.*
Access Inc.
Access Services*
Accord
ACT
Activity Options
Adjoin
Agentic Client Support Services
Ala Costa Centers
Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities
Alliance Colorado
Alliance for Behavioral and Developmental Disabilities*
Allied Rehabilitation Centers
Alpine Homecare, LLC & Alpine Adult Day Care, LLC
The Arc Middlesex County
The Arc of Centre County*
The Arc of Connecticut, Inc.
The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh/Achieva*
Ardmore Enterprises
Ariel Clinical Services
Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities
Ascendigo Autism Services
Asociación Mayaguezana de Personas con Impedimentos
Aspire Living & Learning
Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers (ADDCP)
Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers
Aveyron Homes, Inc.
Avidd Community Services of New Jersey
Babcock Center
Bancroft*
Bayberry, Inc.
Behavior Services of the Rockies
Better Outcomes Living Diversely (BOLD)*
Birch Family Services
Blue Peaks Developmental Services
Blue Sky Inc. - Detroit Lakes, MN
Broadstep Academy NJ
California Disability Services Association
The Campbell Center
Candeo
Capabilities
CAPPER FOUNDATION
CCRI, Inc
Center For Human Services
Center for Independent Living
Centerstone
Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS
Cheyenne Village
The Child & Family Therapy Center of Denver

CIL
Cindy and Vic's R&R, Inc.
Circle of Support*
CLI Incorporated
Client Community Services, Inc.
Coastal Opportunities
Colorado Alternative Residential Enterprises (C.A.R.E.) Inc.
Colorado Autism Consultants
Colorado Bluesky Enterprises
Community Access Services
Community Access Unlimited
Community Advantage
Community Connections, Inc.
Community Counseling Center of Mercer County*
Community Link
Community Living Alternatives
Community Living Association
Community Options, Inc.
Community Provider Association
Community Providers Association of Oregon
Community Residential Services Association
Community Services Group*
Community Services, Inc. (CSI)
Community Support Services
Comprehensive Systems, Inc.
Consumer Direct Care Network
Continuum of Colorado
Cottonwood Community Alternatives
Cottonwood County DAC
Creative Works
CRi
Delta Community Supports*
Department for Persons with Disabilities, Catholic Charities Paterson
Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI)
Developmental Disabilities Resource Center
Developmental Pathways
Douglas County DAC, Inc.
Dungarvin, Inc.
Dynamic Dimensions, Inc.
Eastern Colorado Services for the DD
Easterseals - Oak Hill
Easterseals Arkansas
Easterseals Colorado
Easterseals Iowa
Echoing Hills Village, Inc.
Eden Autism Services
Eleos Services
Elevated Supports
Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh, Inc.*
Emmaus Homes
Empowered Community Services, LLC
Enable, Inc.

Envision
EON, Inc. / Lighthouse Lodge
Everas Community Services, Inc.
Evergreen Service Providers
Exceptional Persons Inc.
Fayette Resources, Inc.*
Filling Homes
Foothills Gateway, Inc.
FREE Inc.
FRIENDS of Broomfield
Friends of Cyrus Inc.
Frontier Community Services
Garden, Inc.
Georgetown County Disabilities and Special Needs
Glenkirk
GMS
Goodlife Innovations
Goodwill Industries of NEPA*
Great Bay Services
Grow Associates, Inc.
GRS, Inc.
Harvey-Marion CDDO
Hope Community Resources
Hope Haven Ares Development Center
Horizon House of Illinois Valley, Inc.
Horizons Specialized Services
ICI at Univ. of MN
Imagine the Possibilities
Imagine!
InCommunity
Independence Advocates of Maine
Inspiration Field
Integrated Life Choices
InterAgency Council (IAC)
Iowa Association of Community Providers
JCHAI*
Jewish Family Service of Colorado
John F. Murphy Homes, Inc.
Johnson County Developmental Supports
Jordan Residential & Vocational Services
Journey Found, Inc.
Justice Resource Institute, Inc.
Karuna Care Services
Kelsch Associates Inc.
KenCrest*
Kentucky Association Of Private Providers
Keystone Human Services*
Koinonia
L&R of Chesterfield, LLC
Laradon
Lark Enterprises, Inc.*
Laura Baker Services Association

LEAP
Liberty ARC, a Chapter of The ARC New York
Life Opportunities Unlimited
Lifehouse
LifePath Inc.*
LifeStream Inc.
Limitless Possibilities LLC
Link Associates
Living Well Disability Services
Loving Care Center Inc.*
Lutheran Services in Iowa
Maine Association for Community Service Providers (MACSP)
Mandy's Farm
MARF
Maryland Association of Community Services
Metro Support Services
Mid-Step Services
Milestone Decisions
Milestones of Development Inc.
Momentum
Momentum WORK, Inc. (UCP WORK, Inc.)
Mosaic
Mount Olivet Rolling Acres
Mountain Valley Developmental Services
Nebraska Association of Service Providers
NERS
New Avenues to Independence
New Directions Treatment Services*
New Horizons: Serving Individuals with Special Needs
New Jersey Association of Community Providers
New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation
North Metro Community Services
Northeast Contemporary Services, Inc.
Northwest Center*
Occupational Training Center of Burlington County, Inc.
OHI
Ohio Health Care Association
Oliver Behavioral Consultants
One Vision
Opportunities Unlimited
Opportunity House, Inc.
Opportunity Works
Options in Community Living, Inc.
Overture
Parents and Friends, Inc.
Parker Personal Care Homes, Inc.
Partners In Progress*
PathPoint
Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disability*
The Phoenix Residence Inc.
PILOT Services
Pine River Group Home Inc.

Pinewood, Inc.
Plains Area Mental Health, Inc.
The Progress Center
Prospectus Berco*
Pueblo Diversified Industries
Quality Life Services
Quality Management Associates, Inc.*
RCM of Washington
Rehabilitation & Community Providers Association*
Rehabilitative Rhythms Music Therapy
REM Iowa
ResCare Community Living*
Residential Resources of Maine
The Resource Exchange
Rocky Mountain Human Services
Roundup Fellowship
The Salvation Army, DDP*
Sample Supports
SC Human Services Providers Association
Schaefer Enterprises
SCHI Disability Services
Scioto Properties*
Serenity Residential Care
Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities, Georgia
Sevita*
Shields Foundation
Skills Academy Vocational Center
SKILLS Inc.
Southeastern Developmental Services
Southern Colorado DD Services
Spectrum for Living Development, Inc.
St. Joseph's Center*
St. Louis Arc
Starpoint
Stepping Stone Support Center
Stone Belt Arc
STRiVE
Sunrise Community, Inc.*
Support, Inc.
Terrapin House Inc.*
Think Ability, Inc.
Thrive Community Options
Tift County Board of Health dba Diversified Enterprises
Tri County Mental Health Services
UCP of Greater Cleveland
UCP of the North Bay
United Cerebral Palsy*
United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia and United Cerebral Palsy of South Carolina
United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville
United Cerebral Palsy of San Joaquin, Calaveras and Amador Counties
United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago
United Community Options of Miami

United Community Options of Broward, Palm Beach and Mid-Coast Counties
United Community Options of South Florida
Unlimited PossAbilities, Inc.
Uplift, Inc.
Valley Community Services*
Valley Advantages LLC*
Venture Community Services
Vermont Care Partners
Virginia Network of Private Providers, Inc.
VitalCare
Vocational Improvement Program, Inc.
Vocational Visions
Volunteers of America
Volunteers of America Texas
Waban
Welcome House, Inc.
Wellspring Community
West Bay RI
Winona County Developmental Achievement Center
Woodfords Family Services
Woods Services*

* Indicates Pennsylvania provider