

Testimony of Sandra D. Weiler
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Increase Funding for INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS and Deaf Services

My name is Sandra D. Weiler and I am a resident of Wolcott. As a person who has Cerebral Palsy and is now a wheelchair user, I am very appreciative that the budget for Connecticut's Independent Living Centers have not been decreased. I am also encouraged to have read that funds have been allocated for deaf services.

Although our funds have not been cut, I know that the Independent Living Centers are in need of much more financial assistance. I have been given; supplies for employment, as well as, resources that I can contact for other modifications which are now needed for me to live as independently as I was able to before my disability became worse.

As a professional and individual who has a physical disability; I would encourage the State of Connecticut to continue and increase the ILCS funding. This would allow ILCS to hire more staff, who have the knowledge and experience to develop programs and expand support to all the individuals on the waiting list.