

Ronald & Rosemary Johnson

6 Backbay Circle
Madison, Wisconsin 53717

August 31, 2010

County Executive Kathleen Falk, Human Services director Green, County Board Supervisors and Staff.

My name is Ron Johnson and I and my spouse Rosemary are the Guardians for our son Jeffrey who is a Dane County Resident living in Madison. He is a ward of the state because of mental developmental disabilities and uncontrolled seizures. Jeffrey is 46 years of age. Over the years I have seen many positive programs that have assisted Jeffrey in obtaining a great amount of independence and helped him to feel part of our community. My concerns for his future and the future of all others with developmental disabilities have been raised with the funding reductions that have taken place the past years and the further reductions that are proposed for 2011.

We are very concerned at the proposed 3 percent cut in services for adults with Developmental Disabilities and more concerned as Dane County transitions to the State Family Care program. We urge the Dane County Executive and the County Board Supervisors, at a minimum, make adjustments to maintain the services provided in 2010 for all Dane County residents with developmental disabilities and ask that as many dollars as possible remain in Dane County. We ask that parents and self advocates be involved with any changes that take place.

We continue to believe that solving the problems related to the 2011 budget can and will be worked out to minimize reductions. We ask and hope that you choose to prioritize services to residents with disabilities.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Ron & Rosemary Johnson