



# SAVE OUR SUPPORTS: TALKING POINTS FOR FAMILIES

## Protect Services for People with Disabilities

### 1. These Budget Cuts Will Hurt My Family

- The governor wants to cut over **\$170 million from disability services.**
- My loved one **depends** on these services to **live, work, and be part of our community.**
- If these cuts happen, we will **lose the support** we rely on every day.

### 2. We Need Support, Not Less Help

- Cutting community living supports means **my family member could lose the one-on-one care they need.**
- Reducing self-directed services makes it **harder to hire and keep** Direct Support Professionals (DSPs).
- Families like mine will be left **struggling** without help.

### 3. Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) Are Critical

- DSPs are already **underpaid and leaving the field**—these cuts will make it even harder to maintain them.
- Without DSPs, my loved one won't get the support they need to **live safely and independently.**

### 4. Maryland Can Afford to Do Better

- The state is spending **hundreds of millions on business growth** while **cutting disability services.**
- There's **\$2 billion in a "rainy day" fund**—if supporting vulnerable people isn't a priority **now**, when will it be?
- **People with disabilities deserve to be treated as a priority**, not an afterthought.

### 5. We Need You to Stop These Cuts

- These cuts will **push families like mine into crisis.**
- Fully funding these services isn't optional—**it's necessary for people with disabilities to live with dignity.**
- **Please stand with us and fight to restore full funding for DDA services!**