

Advocacy Letter Template

The True Cost of Disability Services Budget Cuts

GUIDANCE

In the open space of the blank letter template provided, briefly write about the organization you work for and/or the work you do and why it's important. If you are a recipient of disability services, don't be afraid to emphasize the importance of the help you receive. If you are a loved one of a recipient, highlight how DSP work has transformed your loved one's life and granted possibilities for them and yourself.

We're asking you to share your story on how disability services play a role in your life, and why it is important they remain intact and safe from budget cuts. Consider including a real-life story or simply stick to a few points as to why this work is critical to Minnesotans on a broad scale. Then, clarify how your life would transform without disability services.

Something important to remember is that it's easy to get caught up in making this letter meet an imaginary quality mark or length. It's our instinct to want it to be perfect, knowing it is going to an elected legislator. Rest assured, sending the letter, and contributing your voice is what carries weight here, not grammar. In any case, it is your letter and therefore your choice on what it contains. Just be sure to make it 100% honest, make it sincere, and make a case against the dismantling of disability services funding. Thank you for taking this incredibly kind and humble step to save disability services in Minnesota.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance, please contact ARRM's Policy and Engagement Manager, Jonathan Tvedt: jtvedt@arm.org | 612.473.2006

FORMAT EXAMPLE

INTRODUCTION

To [\[House Elected Official Name\]](#) and [\[Senate Elected Official Name\]](#),

BODY

[\[Your Story\]](#)

SIGNATURE

[\[First Name\]](#)

[\[Last Name\]](#)

[\[Title & Organization\]](#) OR [\[Organization\]](#) Family Service Recipient

[\[Address\]](#)

FIND YOUR LEGISLATORS

If you are unsure of who your legislators are in Minnesota's House and Senate, you can easily find their information, including their address for sending the letter, within our "Find Your Legislators" section located in the upper right corner of this webpage:

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