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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

**Re: Proposed HCBS Rule that will hurt my disabled family member**

Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

I need your help. I need you to contact Secretary Sebelius and demand that she modify a very bad proposed rule. This rule would deny your disabled constituents, including my family member, with services they need. The proposed rule relates to the definition of home and community-based settings under the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services program [77 *Federal Register* 26362 (May 3, 2012)].

My family member, \_\_\_\_\_, is very happy and is thriving with the services being received:

Please visit my family member's program so you can better understand how devastating this policy would be to.

- Since when do Washington Bureaucrats know what's best for my family member?
- Since when is it ok to take away my family member's choice for critical services my family member has been receiving for years?
- Since when is it ok to make happy people miserable by denying them the services they want and trained professionals say they need?

I fully support a rule that offers people with disabilities the right to receive services that will enable them to work in regular jobs and live in their own homes. The proposed regulation should be changed – it should expand opportunities for these individuals without eliminating or restricting opportunities for my family member. One size does not fit all!

I am not asking for more money. I am only asking you to ensure that my family member will continue to receive needed Medicaid home and community-based services and supports that we choose, together, based on **what matters most**. Please join us in making sure that our service choices are maintained.

Please send a strong message to Secretary Sebelius! The proposed rule would be devastating to the lives of people receiving Medicaid services. It must be modified to preserve a range of service options for people with disabilities that include prevocational services in center-based programs, center-based day activity programs, and group homes.

Thank you for your understanding and your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_