

To whom it may concern,

I am an advocate with a dual disability and a recent Partners in Policy graduate. I am concerned about people with disabilities being segregated from the community in their living, work and social activities. Many years ago institutions were closed down and shown to not be the best way for people with disabilities to be treated. Why are we building new ones? This idea doesn't create independence, safety or security.

Can the money be used to create integrated programs? Many other States have good programs that support individuals to live in their own apartments, and homes and live in the community.

Sincerely, Kenneth Taycher