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This request is for Sub Committee Senators and Representatives to consider, if the two following topics are reviewed today:

1. Attached to the DHS budget allocation is a matter regarding the 2017 termination of contracts between DHS and 501c3 housing Brokers that manage over 200 group homes for Developmentally Disabled (DD) special needs population. It is critical for the sustained housing of DD adults served by Venders under contract with DHS that there be legislative approval for funding that creates a new round contracts and a plan developed through the bill regarding this measure. Please support SB 617.
2. It is essential that the proposed four per cent COLA be approved for the thousands of direct care employees caring for adult and children who are Developmentally Disabled: recruitment has become extremely hampered by lack of wage increases.

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