

Hello I'm John Griffiths from Portland. I receive brokerage services to help me stay alive and stay independent. I used my helpers to keep me safe when I am out and about because sometimes I'm not fully aware of my surroundings and it can be life-threatening.

This is why I need case managers who really know me so I can find the right helpers to save my life. We need to continue funding I/DD case management at 95%.

But this is only half of the solution. We also need to give DSP's a living wage. When you do the right thing and increase the wage to \$15 an hour, please do not put the whole burden on small business owners who run provider organizations that hire DSPs.

I want to keep my helpers. I don't want to lose them.

Please remember that this is not a matter of entitlement. This is a matter of life and death for people with disabilities. We need these services to live.

I wish those who are in favor of these cuts could hear these words because maybe then they would be less inclined to call Disability Services a wasteful Social Security program.

Please remember my face when you go to vote on this.

Thank you for your time.