

My name is Bonnie Petitt, and I was born with cerebral palsy. I have physical, mental, and learning disabilities. I am an IDD client, and I have a brother and two cousins who are also IDD clients. I am speaking to you today out of serious worry over the proposed cuts to a program that is so important to me. These services are desperately needed not only for myself and my family, but for many people across Oregon. We have no political voice, so I am coming directly to you. This program allows me to live in the community, get home care services, and have as real of a life as I can. Without these services I would be stuck in a nursing home or on the street. Now, we have a new federal administration that is hostile to people with disabilities. I urge Oregon to stand against this cruelty, and I urge you to oppose cuts to the IDD program. Thank you for listening.