

Madam Chair and Members of the
Committee,

My name is Adele and I live in Missoula. I have Schizophrenia. It started when I was fifteen years old. I am now 45. At one time I lived in Warm Springs and then I moved to River House. I now live at a supported living site in my own apartment at Miller Creek Apartments. I've been taking medication to help my schizophrenia and asthma.

My only family contact lives in Cutbank, Miller Creek is my home. I have worked at Opportunity almost since the start. I started with packing and assembly and then headed to help in the ORI lunch room. I tried working at Ruby's Hotel but I found my place at the Double Tree Inn in Laundry. I wash, dry, fold and deliver laundry. It's great. I belong at the YMCA and participate in Special Olympics. I work 3-4 days a week. Staff assists me with many aspects of

my life. Staff help me with cleaning my apartment, helping me with laundry, and transportation to outings. My day staff over the last few years have helped me diet. They help me make a menu and go grocery shopping. By dieting and exercising I have lost over 100 pounds and am healthier then ever.

I like Opportunity Recourses because they help me work, exercise and make money. Because of their hard work I am able to do lots of activities. It is important to me and my happiness to continue to receive increased funding. Thank You