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698 Creston Hatchery Road
Kalispell, Montana 59901
January 11, 2007
Phone: 406/755-2063

Re: Disability Services Division--public testimony

Mr. Charlie Briggs
CWB Consultation
511 Fifth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Mr. Briggs:

This is a reply to a letter we received pertaining to the above-mentioned meeting to be held in Helena on January 18th, 2007. This letter was sent to our family from Jennifer Conners who is a Case Manager for the MDSC Corporation in Missoula.

We have a son who is a client of the Missoula Developmental Service Corp. and has resided in their facility since October 28, 1990. As a matter of fact, he was one of the very first clients they had in their facility. We have always been very pleased with his care. There individual homes are staffed with excellent staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The clients are never alone which is so important for all of them. The medical and dental care has been taken care of on time and whenever needed.

If we had not had this type of home situation such as MDSC, we do not believe our son would have been so well taken care of the past 16+ years. My husband and I cannot vouch for what happens in other corporations managing these clients with disabilities, but we know where our family and our health would be had we had to keep our son in our home. As loved as these "children/clients" are, they are very difficult to manage on a daily basis.

We are retired people now in our late 60's and to have to even consider moving our son to a government-run type of facility would be harmful to our health and mental well-being. Our son has held different jobs through the years of living in Missoula and through the excellent management of the case managers at MDSC. He has formed a life of his own which is very full and satisfying to him--this also pleases us that he is a happy person and has many friends in Missoula.

We most sincerely hope and pray that NO funding for the Developmentally Disabled will be cut. These clients do not receive that much assistance from the State as it is funded and definitely could use more. MDSC has an

excellent staff which deserves the salary they are receiving and probably could use a raise in pay also.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. The good these folks do on a daily basis helping those precious clients cannot be measured. We thank God for all of them every single day--they make our lives so much more peaceful.

Sincerely,

Nancy Zimmerman

Mrs. Allen (Nancy) Zimmerman

CC: Marilyn Madona--MDSC--Group Home Manager
Jennifer Conners--MDSC--Case Manager