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To the members of the appropriations committee,

During times of economic uncertainty, everyone is likely to feel some level of anxiety about their future and how they will manage their day to day lives. This is especially true of people who live with severe chronic mental illness. Due to their disability they often have no cushion to rely on. Family may be distant or alienated. Work is difficult to find or sustain due to symptoms and as a result many individuals with severe mental illness are left on their own to manage their lives as best they can.

The SDMI Medicaid waiver program allows us to provide supports to assist these individuals to live the lives they choose to live. For some of our clients, this means someone to help fill out paperwork and organizing their own home. For some it means having a safe place to live that provides meals and shelter. For some it means they can now go to the doctor and counselor on a regular basis.

Please continue to fund this very important program for people with disabling mental illness in Montana. Thank you for your concern and thoughtfulness in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Shearer

RN Case Manager

SDMI Waiver