

Bill: HB-2: General Appropriations Act 2021-01-21 08:00 AM - (H) JAS on Health and Human Services

Position: Proponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

Name: George Northcutt Jr.

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Written Statement: My name is George Northcutt. I currently reside at the Ivy. I am willing to stay in this Ivy nursing home during the Covid lockdown of nursing homes. I want to live in my own apartment again. It's really hard to figure out Covid 19 but my spend down issues make it hard for me to become eligible for Medicaid in the Community. Now not only do we have to worry about climbing Covid cases, but I want to be free from COVID worries and the nursing home.

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Position: Proponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

Organization: North Central Independent Living Services

Name: Shyla Patera

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City, State: Black Eagle

Written Statement: My name is Shyla Patera. I am employed by and represent North Central Independent Services based in Black Eagle, Montana. As an Independent Living Specialist, I have helped people advocate to keep their Home and Community Services as well as our Community First Choice packages and funding strong so that many north central Montanans can stay in their own homes. As a Montanan with a disability, I have benefitted from past advocacy across DPHHS divisions particularly from the creation of the self-directed PAS program, community first choice, and Montana Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities. It is often noted that advocates for funding of disability services often utilize the sports analogy of playing offensive or defensive ball. In truth, though, every budget and service package request DPHHS senior and long-term care makes and every vote you take as legislators will transform not only funding for programs but also how a Montana Senior or Montanan with a disability lives their life in our Montana communities.

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Position: Opponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: Yes

Organization: Montana Primary Care Association

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Written Statement: MPCA opposes the starting point motion.

