**Letter to the editor template**

I’m very concerned about the lack of attention being paid to a serious issue for Minnesotans with disabilities. Due to a state policy glitch, thousands of people are facing a significant cut to the financial assistance they need to access essential supportive services. Unless state lawmakers act this session, this cut will irreversibly impact the quality and availability of disability services in Minnesota.

As a *[Direct care staff person who works with people with disabilities; Parent who relies on these support services; person who benefits from this support to stay healthy and an active part of my community; etc.]*, this is a very serious issue for me. [*Write sentence about why stopping the cut is important to you].*

Earlier this month, more than a thousand people rallied at the State Capitol and met with legislators asking them to stop this cut and preserve funding for disability services. It was powerful and moving, but I worry it won’t be enough. We need the strong voice of our entire community to advocate for these services. Please contact *[insert local legislator’s name*] and ask them to support your neighbors by taking action this session to stop the cut to supportive services for people with disabilities.