

IPS Cuts_Email from Team Member/person who supports people receiving services

Dear [Senator/Representative] [Last Name],

I work directly with people who rely on Individual Placement and Support (IPS) services to find and keep jobs. I see every day how this program changes lives, giving people with serious mental illness the chance to work, earn a living, and build a better future. That's why I'm asking you to support efforts to eliminate proposed funding cuts this legislative session.

The Governor's FY26 budget proposes cutting IPS funding by \$1 million per year—more than 60% of its budget. This means that 441 people would be left without the support they rely on to find work. On top of that, temporary funding that has been keeping the program afloat will run out after FY26. If that happens, another 400 people will lose access.

That's a 75% cut in services. It means fewer people working, more people struggling, and increased reliance on programs like Social Security and Medicaid. IPS is about more than just job support—it's about dignity, stability, and self-sufficiency. It helps people build real, independent lives. And it works. Minnesota's IPS job placement rate is 61%, well above the national average.

If these cuts move forward, services will disappear in 44 counties, including [customize with specific counties if relevant].

I urge you to take action:

1. Reject the Governor's proposed \$1 million cut to IPS base funding.
2. Support HF1985/SF670 to extend temporary funding.
3. Commit to stable, long-term funding so IPS can continue changing lives across Minnesota.

These cuts would devastate the people I work with every day. Please stand with us to protect IPS and ensure that Minnesotans with mental illness can keep working, earning, and thriving.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Organization]