

I am writing to you about my sister, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] receives services through the Department of Welfare and Office of Developmental Programs. She receives residential services in a life-sharing model provided by Shared Support Inc. [REDACTED] lives in Royersford, Pa. She moved there a little over one year ago after living in a for person group home about 1 hour away. We moved [REDACTED] closer so she could be near her family, whom she has a close and active relationship with.

[REDACTED] loves her living arrangement. She lives in a home, which is safe in a neighborhood that is family friendly and indifferent to her disability. She calls it "her house". She and a round the clock live in live there. My parents put [REDACTED] in a group home setting in 1984, which she was in until February 2010. [REDACTED] wasn't able to flourish in the group home setting. Her basic needs were met but she wasn't able to be an individual. Now with [REDACTED] living in a life-sharing arrangement [REDACTED] is able to grow and be more independent.

[REDACTED] is thriving in her new home I need for her to remain in this services so that her health, safety and overall progress aren't jeopardized. Change isn't easy for someone of [REDACTED] mental ability and taking away her supports will make it that she has to move and change "her house" to be on that isn't in a safe friendly accepting neighborhood. I worry for [REDACTED] safety as well as her happiness and I fear that she will not be able to continue with her current level care if the supports are changed or worse taken away.

Thank you for your time,

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