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To Whom It May Concern:

Every year there are numerous amounts of families that need assistance with family members who may be aging or may have disabilities. The assistance required may include the need of living centers for their family members. It is then that families look for organizations like DADS (Department of Aging and Disability Services) for assistance. Though there are many organizations similar to DADS, this program has various sections that make it unique compared to the others. DADS offer state supported living centers which creates a residential facility for people with developmental or intellectual disabilities. DADS provide 12 locations with these living centers, including the Richmond State Living Center, which demonstrate the high demand for services like this.

However it has recently come to attention that private/local organizations attempt to do the same by receiving government funding. We believe that DADS should continue to receive the funding necessary to continue running this service because private/local services will never match up to the convenience and hospitality that an organization like DADS can offer. It is crucial that services provided by DADS continue to receive funding, since many families rely on their services.

Our family has a strong connection to the supported living centers. We have lived with and taken care of our oldest daughter for the last 20 years until it became too difficult for us to manage. We decided to contact DADS to help us alleviate our situation and they have since taken care of our daughter with the utmost kindness and responsibility. With their assistance our family has achieved a sense of norm that was worth all the sweat and tears.

Picasso once said that "action is the foundational key to all success," and DADS is a prime example of the point he stated. With continued funding, DADS will continue to assist thousands of families that count on their facilities. We want you to ensure the success of this program and keep this organization going so they can help similar families like ours. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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