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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Additional cuts to DADS or DARS will considerably increase the need for community services to special needs families that are already waiting years for services. The reduction in the number of people living in the SSLC towards community supports is commendable however attempts to increase the funding or supports at the community level is required. As a small nonprofit providing information and referrals to hundreds of families with autism each year, we struggle to meet the growing demands of our families with limited resources.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: We support expanded DADS and DARS funding, as well as encourage additional community funding available for nonprofits and families receiving services within their community of choice.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree