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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

The Department of Human Services released today [documents](#) that show proposed reductions for the agency if DHS was ordered to make a 17 percent reduction for the upcoming fiscal year as a planning exercise. Every state agency participated in this budget exercise.

As always when asked to look at budget reductions, ODDS works to prioritize reductions that have less direct impact on services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This budget exercise target is significant so many proposed reductions on the list will have a negative impact on children and adults with I/DD, their families, and providers if ODDS is directed to implement. For ODDS, these proposed reductions would equal about \$90 million General Fund.

It is important to remember that this is an exercise. The Governor's Office and the Legislature will make decisions on any actual reductions. This budget exercise does not account for any additional federal funding coming in to support COVID-19 efforts.

I know it is not easy to hear about the possibility of budget reductions while everyone is working tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank you for the critical work you do every day to help keep people with intellectual and developmental disabilities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia", is positioned below the text "Sincerely,".

Lilia Teninty  
Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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