



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

Assembly Seniors and Human Services Committee

Testimony on A3883

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Good day, Chairperson Speight and members of the Assembly Senior and Human Services Committee. On behalf of ABCD, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the A3883 which requires DHS to promote and support volunteerism in connection to compliance with certain eligibility requirements for NJ FamilyCare and SNAP and to publicly express our gratitude to the bill's sponsor, Speaker Coughlin.

- As providers of human services, we believe that access to healthcare and adequate nutrition is fundamental for the well-being of New Jersey's citizenry.
- Our non-profits rely on volunteers who make a meaningful difference in our organizations working with and on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Some of our volunteers rely on NJ FamilyCare and SNAP.
- In the event federal Medicaid funding is reduced because of people losing coverage, while reductions may not specifically target funding for I/DD services, the resulting pressure on the state budget creates an increased risk of further limits and cuts to services for individuals with I/DD. When new funding sources cannot be found, optional services like home and community-based services for people with I/DD are at risk of being cut. Without community-based services, people with disabilities remain on waiting lists and may be forced to resort to unnecessary placement in hospitals and institutions.

Thank you.