



Survival Coalition

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SURVIVAL COALITION CONCERNED BY DEVASTATING CUTS TO DISABILITY PROGRAMS IN FEDERAL BUDGET

(MADISON) -- Members of the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations are gravely concerned about the drastic cuts to programs for people with disabilities in the federal budget released yesterday by President Trump. Significant reductions in Medicaid, (\$600 billion in addition to the \$880 billion proposed in the House's American Health Care Act), cuts to Social Security Disability programs, cuts to disability-related research and advocacy programs and overall cuts to safety net programs like food and housing assistance will no doubt have a critical impact on Wisconsinites living with disabilities and their families.

More than 1 million Wisconsin residents rely upon supports provided through more than 20 Medicaid funded programs, including Family Care, IRIS, personal care, autism services, therapies, mental health services and more.

It is Survival's position that Wisconsin should not be forced to dismantle its safety net for people with disabilities in order to pay the federal government's bills.

Survival Coalition is comprised of more than 30 statewide disability organizations that advocate and support policies and practices that lead to the full inclusion, participation, and contribution of people living with disability.

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