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Dr. Mark Moss:

It has come to our attention that the list of recipients for the Dental Clinics – Increasing Access to Care grants was recently announced.

While we know there are many honorable, well-deserving organizations working to provide dental services for at-risk populations in our state, there appears to be a critical population missing from the list of recipients. Specifically, a facility which predominantly services those with special needs does not appear to have been selected for any funding.

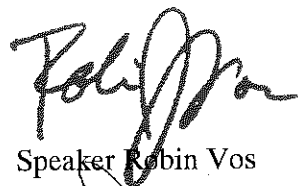
We respectfully request that the Department of Health Services reconsider, or provide additional resources to, a clinic which services this population. We understand the need for dental services for all Wisconsinites, but facilities providing dental services for those with severe cognitive and physical disabilities is an especially acute need.

St. Ann's in Milwaukee is one of the very few, if not the only, facility in our state which provides dental services exclusively for those with severe cognitive and physical disabilities. These procedures generally, not only take longer than a normal procedure, but may require a higher number staff as well. In order to sustain these services for this critical population statewide, resources are needed to keep the doors open to those truly in need of this care.

Those wanting and willing to provide dental services specifically to those with disabilities should be supported and encouraged to continue their work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



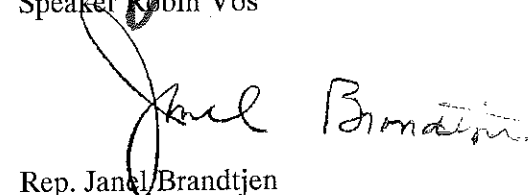
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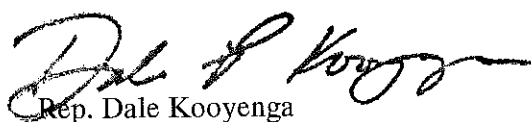
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