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Thank you for Saving IRIS

(Madison) On behalf of the 13,000 IRIS participants, their loved ones, and their care providers, Save IRIS says, “Thank you.” We truly appreciate Secretary Kitty Rhoades and the Department of Health Services for listening to us when we asked that you keep our current long-term care system in place. We thank you for gathering the data needed to be sure that changes to this complex system will address actual cost-drivers.

We thank Senator Alberta Darling and members of the Committee on Joint Finance for keeping their “IRIS Promise.” Your efforts to be certain that IRIS participants would continue to have full self-direction are greatly appreciated.

Thousands of people with disabilities, elderly citizens with long-term care needs, family members, support providers, and advocacy groups asked that the State of Wisconsin maintain IRIS, Family Care, and Partnership rather than move to a whole new long-term care system. “Many of us have worked very hard for the last sixteen months for the survival of IRIS,” says Jason Endres, a leader of Save IRIS. “We made these efforts because we value self-direction and feel that IRIS is working for us. We are thankful that our voices were heard; after all, that really is what self-direction is all about.”

Save IRIS looks forward to working with the Department of Health Services, legislators, and other stakeholders to make our cost-effective and well-regarded system even better and to ensure its sustainability.

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