**DISABILITY FUNDING**

Plain Language Talking Points

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**What is the problem?**

* I am an individual with disabilities (or family member) and receive support and services that allow me to live independently.
* It's important for the nation to fund programs that help people with disabilities live independently. Congress has not been providing enough funding for disability programs.
* I am concerned that the proposal for a "Fiscal Commission" could lead to cuts to important programs for the disability community outside of the regular budget process. Making decisions to reduce spending or increase taxes should be made using the regular budget process.

**What Should Congress Do?**

* Provide adequate funding for programs that support people with disabilities so that they can live and work in the community. This includes programs authorized by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Assistive Technology Act, Autism CARES Act, Lifespan Respite Care Act, Kevin and Avonte’s Law, and Lifespan Respite Care Act.
* Work together to pass annual funding bills. Do not create a Fiscal Commission.