**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.
* Social Security and SSI have not been updated in many years.
* Congress has not been providing enough funding for disability programs.
* Congress needs to fully fund programs so people with disabilities can get access to the services and support they need.

**What Should Congress Do?**

* Fully fund the Developmental Disability (DD) Act programs.
* Support the full funding of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) programs.
* Make sure that budget and appropriations laws provide enough funding to support people with disabilities in the community.
* Congress should reject any cuts to Social Security or SSI, including any proposals to cut benefits or limit who can qualify.