

## Messaging Points for Letter to Governor Hogan

### *Direct Support Professionals and Other Staff*

Please send a letter to Governor Hogan that addresses the points below. Even if you wrote a similar letter last year, it remains critically **important to let him know how important DDA community supports are to you/your loved one's quality of life and how important it is for those supports to be funded at a level that provides quality support, including direct support professionals.**

If possible, a handwritten (or typed) letter is most effective (and a photo if you like), but an email is an excellent alternative. What is most important is that you take a few minutes to write to Governor Hogan **by December 2, 2019!**

Governor Hogan's contact information is listed at the end.

- Urge Governor Hogan to include at least a 4% rate increase for DDA-licensed community providers in his FY 2021 budget.
- Briefly describe the work you do supporting people with developmental disabilities.
- Briefly describe the difference you think you make in the lives of people you support.
- Briefly describe the sacrifices you make in order to do the work you do.
- Encourage the governor to be a partner with the developmental disability community and to include enough funding in his budget to make sure that you can continue to work to make a difference in the lives of Marylanders with developmental disabilities.

### **TAKE ACTION**

Please send letters, no later than December 2, 2019, addressed to:

The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Or, to contact the governor by email, cut and paste the following link into your browser. For the "message topic," choose "Developmental Disabilities Administration." Then either type or cut and paste your letter into the message box. (*\*Note: you must cut and paste the link below— it does not work as a hyperlink*).

**<https://governor.maryland.gov/contact-the-governor/>**