

Messaging Points for Letter to Governor Hogan

Families and People Who Use Supports

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 supports you/your loved one receives.
- Briefly describe how supports make it possible for you/your loved one to live, work, volunteer, socialize, etc., in the community.
- Briefly describe what your life/the life of your loved one might be like without community supports?
- As more people with developmental disabilities seek and gain employment and other community-based opportunities, *at least a 4% rate increase* is needed in order to ensure minimally adequate funding for a strong direct support workforce, transportation, training, and other key components.
- 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/your loved one can continue to live a life of dignity and of your/their own choosing.

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/>