

**Sample Guideline**

**Telephone Contact for Legislators/Public Officials**

**Re: Block Grant Base Funding for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities & Reauthorization of Act 22**

Hello.

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am calling to ask \_\_\_\_\_ to vote against the Community Block Grant to counties included in Governor Corbett's proposed state budget for 2012-2013.

Talking Points:

The proposed Block Grant reduces funding for a number of services including services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities by 20%. Funding for this population has already been cut an average of 8%. The waiting list for services is an astounding 16,000 across the state and in 2011 there were 10 admissions to state centers for the developmentally disabled. This is appalling. With additional cuts proposed, families who now have services may lose them.

Services are critical to families across the state. Governor Corbett, in his campaign, stated that meeting the needs of this vulnerable population is a core responsibility of government. I agree with Governor Corbett. Community services for children and adult with intellectual and developmental disabilities must be adequately funded. Please vote no to the Block Grant and the reauthorization of Act 22.

Thank you!