



FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Sample “Letter to the Editor” #2

Dear Editor:

Some people in Congress believe I am “lazy.” That’s because I rely on Medicaid to live my life.

The fact is I am not lazy; I am a person with developmental disabilities. Since my birth, I have not been able to accomplish the many tasks that others take for granted. I accept Medicaid not because I want a hand-out, or to game a system. I accept Medicaid because I have no other choice. I need Medicaid to provide me with the supports required to enjoy the same quality of life that other Americans enjoy.

I need Medicaid to receive the type of health care that keeps me alive and healthy. I need Medicaid so that I can live independently, and so I am not a burden on my family and friends.

The debate to cut Medicaid sickens me. The hurtful words I hear from Washington, from hardened elected officials who took an oath to serve the public, don’t seem real. They certainly don’t seem to be words we should hear in a compassionate society.

Medicaid cannot be cut. It is just too important, to 74 million people across this country. It is my hope and prayers that some in Congress will realize the importance of this program before they attempt to unravel the fabric of America and, in the process, destroy my life.