**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD:**
Advocate for individuals with disabilities in our state by sending a message to your Congress members, asking them to take concrete action to expand HCS funding to expand access to residential & community supports funding in our state.

**WAYS TO CONTACT YOUR HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE:**Click on the following link to locate the name of the senators and house of representatives that represents you.

<https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>

To contact and send a message to you’re your House Representative use the following link. A sample email is noted below.

<https://www.house.gov/representatives>

**EMAIL OR SAMPLE LETTER FOR CONTACTING YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

*You may****copy and paste the letter below****into the message field of any contact form or you may use it in the body of emails to your House Representatives. Be sure to enter the name of your representative at the start of the message, and include or sign your name at the end.*

Dear Member of Congress [*Name*]:
As your constituent, I am writing today to ask for your support in increasing funding to Medicaid HCS funding for individuals with disabilities in our district. I am sure that every day you have a multitude of bills crossing your desk, but I ask you to pay specific attention to those pertaining to and affecting individuals with disabilities in our district and the state of Texas.  **Individuals with disabilities are one our most vulnerable citizens in our society and they deserve to have access to home & community supports in our state.**
The lack of Medicaid funding specific to housing in Texas does not meet the need of individuals with disabilities in our state. The lack of available supports in Texas continues to remain at shameful levels. According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**, as of 2017 there ae 150,364 individuals with disability on the interest list for services.** Clearly, this situation demands pressing and serious attention, including passing bills promoting children’s-- safety and welfare.*[Insert specific bill here, if advocating for passage of particular piece of legislation].*

As your constituent*[from insert place here]*, **I urge you to advocate and vote for an increase of HCS funding in the state,**  by supporting legislation on their behalf this session.  My ***son/daughter*** have been on the HCS waiting list for --***years.*** I look forward to hearing from you regarding the positive steps you are taking to increase HCS funding in the state.

*Sincerely,*
*[Insert Your Name]*
*[District or State]*
*[Contact Information] (if you wish/want a reply)*