



Associated Production Services, Inc.
The Packaging Performance People™
Empowering Disabled Workers

December 22, 2016

Dear Friends of APS,

RE: ODP Communication 095-16 Appendices A-H of the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support

Comments MUST be received by January 17, 2017

On December 5th I wrote you as to the proposed changes and mandates the state Office of Developmental Programs has issued which if enacted would force us to close as a work center. Many of you have written to various governmental officials and ODP and I thank you for this.

Please note that I have enclosed a pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelope and paper. I am asking you to write a note to ODP and make three strong recommendations.

I highlight the recommendations so that you can simply copy them if you like.

- We want to make sure that the choice to receive services at APS remains an option. By 1/1/18 program participants will be required to spend 25% of their time in the community. By 7/1/18 the requirement increases to 50%, and by 1/1/19, to 75%. **We recommend that the required percentages of time in the community are removed from the waiver and that people keep their right to choose where they receive services.**
- We want to make sure that everyone who wants to receive our services in our facilities have the ability to do so. The state is limiting the number of people in a facility-based program to 100. Our largest site has 170 people. Duplicating the space, machinery and management is not economically sustainable. **We recommend that the state remove the 100 person limit on facility based programs.**

