

Public Hearing Testimony Concerning The

Department of Human Services

Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee-March 12, 2008

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Assembly Budget Committee-March 19, 2008

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Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee-March 20, 2008

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Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee-March 25, 2008

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[William J. Wills](#), Parent of Disabled Son at Bancroft NeuroHealth
[Karen Stone](#), Parent of Disabled Son at Bancroft NeuroHealth
[Joni Whelan](#), Chief Executive Officer, SODAT of New Jersey
[Mary Lynne Reynolds](#), Executive Director, Mental Health Association in New Jersey
[Tom Bruno](#), Citizen and State Employee
[Patricia Craven](#), Citizen
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[Michelle Boggan](#), Executive Director, Burlington County Region, Community Options
[Sandra Rosen](#), Chairperson, Cumberland County Disabled Advisory Council
[Monique Dujue-Wilson](#), Co-Chair, New Jersey Disability Advocates

Assembly Budget Committee- March 26, 2008

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Assembly Budget Committee- April 1, 2008

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