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Dear Ms. Mochon,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and suggestions in response to the Advance Notice of Final Rulemaking (Advance "Notice") that was published on August 19, 2017 (47 Pa.B. 4831). I read, studied and fully support the submission provided by Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disability, PAR, on September 8, 2017.

As a mother of an individual with special needs, I appreciate that ODP has restated its commitment to set rates consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care and be sufficient to ensure access by eligible consumers to Waiver Program Services. As such, I want to underscore PAR's recommendation that the new regulations contain a provision that supports the application of an annual inflation adjustment to fee schedule rates. Other healthcare-related industries are afforded this opportunity, and our services are no less worthy. In fact, consistent, caring, and competent ID/A staffing, long challenged by inadequate rates, are crucial to the daily, high-quality care and services our individuals with an intellectual disability or autism deserve.

As an aging parent who is battling cancer and its aftereffects, I am passionate about ensuring the safety and quality of life for my son after I am gone. I urge you, despite these difficult financial times, to ensure the integrity of the system and to acknowledge through your waiver program funding that the *prevention* of problems is less costly than caring for those that result from poor care.

Thank you again for this opportunity, and for your daily work on behalf of tens of thousands of individuals, and their families, in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,
Jean M. Caulfield
Mother of Devereux Client - Jonathan Caulfield