

GOOD MORNING, I AM JOHN JOHANSEN, FATHER OF A SEVERELY DISABLED 32 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, JENNIFER. THIS COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON MCO'S. MY FAMILY DOES NOT UTILIZE AN MCO, YET, WITH THE PRIVATIZATION OF MEDICAID, JENNIFER HAS SUFFERED CUTS OF MORE THAN HALF OF HER SERVICES, DUE TO GOVERNOR REYNOLDS' DECISIONS. HER ADMINISTRATION HAS CLEARLY COMMUNICATED UNTRUE FACTS REGARDING THE PRIVATIZATION OF MEDICAID AND HOW IT AFFECTS THE DISABLED.

1.3 BILLION IS SPENT ANNUALLY ON MEDICAID BY IOWANS, THE IOWA LEGISLATURE HAS A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE ALL IOWANS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE, THEY ARE NOT.

ONE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE CARED ENOUGH TO TAKE TIME TO SEE JUST WHAT HAPPENS IN MY HOUSE, WHEN JENNIFER SUFFERS CUTS. SINCE FEB, 2018 I HAVE BEEN JENNIFER'S CAREGIVER THROUGH THE NIGHT. I SERVED THE CITIZENS OF POLK COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS, ULTIMATELY HAVING TO CUT SHORT THAT CAREER BECAUSE OF GOVERNOR REYNOLDS' CHOICES. IT IS DIFFICULT TO CARRY A GUN AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC ON 4-5 HOURS SLEEP.

ON LOCAL NEWS DURING SESSION LAST YEAR, SENATOR LIE MATHIS SUMMED IT UP BEST. IN HER STATEMENT TO REPUBLICANS SUPPORTERS OF THE PRIVATIZATION OF MEDICAID, SHE SAID, "YOU ARE SO AGAINST TERMINATING A LIFE WITH ABORTION, YET ONCE BABIES ARE BORN THAT NEED ASSISTANCE, YOU TURN YOUR BACKS AND LET THEM DIE."

AS IOWANS, WE DESERVE BETTER THAN WHAT IS BEING DONE, HAVE A HEART AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. TAKE CARE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, AS THE GREAT MAYA ANGELOU SAID, "WHEN YOU KNOW BETTER, YOU DO BETTER." OUR STATE HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RANKED EDUCATION SYSTEMS, IN THE NATION, WE KNOW BETTER.

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100% PLAN OF CARE FULFILLMENT OR NOTWE.

MANY, LIKE ME, ARE DEALING WITH 50% OR LESS.

IME HAS A DUTY TO MEET REQUIREMENTS

WHY AREN'T THEY? TRANSPARENCY!

JENNIFER VER MEER'S PEOPLE TOOK ACTION VIA DIA.