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Budget Vetoes of 1,398 CIP and COP Slots Hurt People with Disabilities and the Elderly

Our Message to the Legislature:

Restore the 438 CIP 1B and 960 COP Slots!
Restore the \$65 Daily Rate for CIP Slots!

Governor Scott McCallum vetoed funding increases that would have served 1,398 people on waiting lists for the Community Integration Program 1B (CIP) or the Community Options Program (COP). The Community Integration Program serves people with developmental disabilities. The Community Options Program serves mostly people who are elderly or have physical disabilities.

Both programs provide essential community services to people who need assistance to stay in their own homes or live in other community settings. Examples of services provided include:

- Assistance with bathing and dressing, brushing teeth, bladder and bowel care.
- Assistance with cooking, laundry, shopping, and cleaning.

There are approximately 14,000 people who are elderly or have disabilities waiting for community services. Many people and their families have been waiting years for help. The Governor vetoed almost 60% of the increase for the Community Integration Program and 50% of the funding increase for the Community Options Program, while nursing homes received a significant funding increase from the legislature that was not vetoed.

The legislature on a bipartisan vote approved the long-term care package **without increasing state funding**. The legislature reallocated funds already in the Governor's budget to provide community services as well as nursing home care, most of which comes from county levy and federal Medicaid.

People Can't Wait for the next biennial budget. People with disabilities or who are elderly have a message for the legislature:

Support a Veto Override to Restore the Cuts!!

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