

As a retired banker and now a disability employment specialist, I am appalled at how a country with so much wealth, talent and opportunity cannot do more to support our fellow citizens, who, through no fault of their own, need the support the most.

Federally, through our states, and in our local communities, I feel we have a moral obligation to assist each other in being able to live full lives. I am tired of my tax dollars going toward things I don't support such as funding wars and backing interests of billionaires. I am asking for more funding for disability services in Rhode Island.

Disability affects us all in one way or another. We can start here and now to get our priorities for our state and America back on track regarding human rights. There is no better time than the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, to honor the words held there in; "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"

Thank you,

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