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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILAs),  
3 or group homes, provide community-based housing and essential  
4 support for nearly 10,336 adults with intellectual and  
5 developmental disabilities (I/DD) across Illinois, many of  
6 whom require extensive supervision and care; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is under the Ligas Consent  
8 Decree, requiring expanded access to community-based services  
9 for individuals with I/DD, and has repeatedly been found out  
10 of compliance; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Human  
12 Services-Division of Developmental Disabilities (DHS-DDD)  
13 Guidehouse Rate Study, published in 2020, outlined several  
14 I/DD rate changes based on approved recommendations by the  
15 Ligas Rates Oversight Committee; from 2021 to 2025, DHS has  
16 implemented portions of the rate study, and the General  
17 Assembly has made significant investments into the I/DD  
18 community system; and

19 WHEREAS, Beginning January 1, 2026, the final FY26 budget  
20 for the State of Illinois eliminates \$11.2 million in funding  
21 for CILA providers, reducing services for all 24-hour CILA  
22 residents, thereby threatening care quality and compliance

1 with federal home and community-based services regulations;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Removing this funding from the I/DD system is a  
4 piecemeal approach that does not consider the wholistic  
5 funding needs presented in the DHS-DDD Guidehouse Rate Study  
6 that exist as result of the Ligas Consent Decree; and

7 WHEREAS, Cuts to CILA Direct Support Professional (DSP)  
8 service hours will result in reductions in services for people  
9 with I/DD, particularly those with the most intense needs,  
10 resulting in high levels of system destabilization and service  
11 degradation over the long term; and

12 WHEREAS, Some crucial priorities contained within the  
13 DHS-DDD Guidehouse Rate Study remain fully unfunded such as  
14 the "Zero Hour" Staffing Model, which funds staff for 24 hours  
15 a day, seven days a week and would add 2.4 million DSP service  
16 hours into the system; and

17 WHEREAS, Removing CILA DSP Service hours from the State's  
18 I/DD system as is contained within the FY26 final budget, only  
19 to reinsert CILA DSP Service Hours associated with  
20 implementation of the "Zero Hour" Staffing Model at a future  
21 date, is budgetarily inefficient and unhealthy for system  
22 stability; and

1       WHEREAS, Significant cuts to Medicaid and other federal  
2 programs that provide care to thousands in Illinois in the  
3 I/DD community have created great uncertainty for individuals,  
4 families, providers, lawmakers, and advocates, and more time  
5 is needed to fully understand and plan for those impacts on  
6 I/DD services; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois Department  
10 of Human Services and the Pritzker Administration to delay  
11 cuts to Direct Service Professional (DSP) service hours set to  
12 begin January 1, 2026, until such time as the State is prepared  
13 to implement the "Zero Hour" Staffing Model, to protect the  
14 services depended on by individuals with intellectual and  
15 developmental disabilities (I/DD); and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 delivered to the Governor, the Speaker and Minority Leader of  
18 the Illinois House of Representatives, the President and  
19 Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, and the Illinois  
20 Department of Human Services-Division of Developmental  
21 Disabilities.