



## Action Alert #19

### Contact Your Representative to Require Funding for DD Services

May 30, 2017



[Senate Bill 58](#) (SB58) passed the House Health & Welfare Committee on Tuesday, May 23rd and will be heard on the House Floor Thursday, June 1st. SB58 calls for changes to the Regional Human Services Districts/Authorities including:

- improving access to the Individual and Family Support and Flexible Family Fund programs across the state by requiring a minimum of 9% of funds be dedicated to these services for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- increasing representation of consumers/parents/advocates and professionals with experience in developmental disabilities on the boards of the Districts/Authorities.

If these changes are important to you, contact your State Representative by **Thursday, June 1st**. For more background information on this issue, click [here](#) to review LaCAN's previous action alert.

### TAKE ACTION:

Don't know who your State Representative is? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

You can call and speak with your State Representative on the House Floor when the House is in session at 225-342-6945. The House convenes today at 2 P.M. Or you can call their district office.

You can also send your State Representative an Email. Click [here](#) for the State Representatives' full contact information.

### Confirm Your Action

Don't forget to let us know you took action! Reply to this email or notify your [LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.

Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are in reaching you with this important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

## Advocacy Update

Sixteen LaCAN members attended the House Health & Welfare Committee meeting Tuesday, May 23rd, to demonstrate how important services provided through the local Human Services Districts/Authorities are for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Two of these members provided testimony before the committee asking members to support a minimum of 9% of the districts'/authorities' funding be dedicated to the Individual and Family Support and Flexible Family Fund programs for those with DD.

Click [here](#) to watch the video. Discussion of this issue and testimonies begin at the 135:36 mark.

Thanks to all who traveled to the Capitol in their yellow to show support for DD services. A special thanks to Kim Dunn and Brittney and Ella Barnett for representing our group with their compelling testimony.



## Contact Us

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