

I am Robert Acevedo from Chelsea in Manhattan. I intend to attend the State Senate hearing regarding the failed transition to PPL.

Though I do not use CDPAP, I have used a home attendant service through an agency for nearly 6 years. I am aware of the problems faced by my fellow wheelchair CDPAP users. I have listened to their difficulties getting service from the company that our Governor chose. She and the Department of Health will testify at the 8/21 hearing that they have gotten rid of the corrupt fiscal intermediaries (FI) in favor of PPL.

I am grateful that I do not have these problems, but I know that agency home attendant problems are not far behind what happens with CDPAP. It is my responsibility to be there with my CDPAP brethren who are suffering with the action that the Governor will say is in our best interests. PPL and her will use figures to show how they know what is best for us. As for their pity for us, I am not asking for this. I just want to live my life as her fellow legislators do.

I call upon the Governor and the NY State legislature to stop this catastrophe before more harm is caused! Save CDPAP NOW. End the PPL monopoly and restore choice to this critical home care program!

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