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**DDPA Statement re Support of Community First Choice (CFC)
to the Health Care Legislative Reform Task Force
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When CFC was first rolled out as a potential new Medicaid program, it was presented as a unique opportunity to capture additional funding necessary to eliminate the waiting list for the Alternative Community Services (ACS) Waiver. DDPA supported program development and worked closely with DHS on program details. We didn't always agree, but we had an open dialogue about concerns prior to the project being shelved. I want to reiterate DDPA's support for CFC as an option that should be explored to reduce the waiver waiting list. Let me emphasize that what is most important to DDPA is that you give serious attention to eliminating the waiting list and making sure that children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive appropriate services at the right time, in the right place and in the right amount. We are open to working on any ideas or program concepts that will accomplish that goal, including CFC.

Thank you,

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