



Statement from The Arc of Illinois on \$12.5M Supplemental Appropriations Bill

Despite the incredible efforts of all of you, the They Deserve More coalition, the unbelievable 65,000 emails sent, and the 34 House and Senate members of the 102nd Illinois General Assembly who signed a bipartisan [letter of support](#), we **did not** receive the \$56M infusion of supplemental funds we requested to assist with the workforce crisis. We did, however, through an [amendment to HB 969](#), receive **\$12.5M** to be used “...for worker recruitment and retention, including but not limited to bonuses, for front-line personnel, including, but not limited to, direct support persons, aides, front-line supervisors, qualified intellectual disabilities professionals, nurses, and non-administrative support staff”.

In the end, 71 House members [voted](#) in favor, and 36 in opposition. Thirty Senate members [voted](#) in favor and 21 opposed. **Please consider thanking your Member for signing the letter or for their vote in favor of the \$12.5M.**

I want to thank each of you who responded to action alerts over the past several weeks as we worked to pressure the 102nd General Assembly to infuse much needed funds into the IDD system; 65,000 emails were generated! Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with your members of the Illinois state House and Senate. Though we did not see the outcome that we had hoped for, our voices were heard. Guided by our [legislative priorities](#), we will continue to fight for systems change in Illinois. Stay tuned.

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