



Coalition for a
DSP Living Wage

Valuing Workers Who Support
People with Developmental Disabilities

Action Alert: Call Senate President Sweeney



Dear Coalition Members,

Now that a few days have passed since Governor Christie signed the FY18 Budget, it's important that we take the time to recognize and thank those that were so pivotal to our recent victory. No legislator fought harder for the \$20 million line item to increase wages for our Direct Support Professionals than Senate President Sweeney. Not only did he ensure funding was added to the Budget, he did everything in his power to protect the funding from a line-item veto. With this in mind, please take a moment this week to call Senate President Sweeney's district office and thank him for all of his hard work. Obtaining money to increase wages was by no means an easy battle. It's important that we show our appreciation for those who helped us in our fight.

Sincerely,
Thomas Baffuto
Chair of the Coalition for a DSP Living Wage

Information for Contacting Senate Pres Sweeney

Call the Senate President **this week** at (856)-251-9801. You can also send him a thank you email at SenSweeney@njleg.org.

The Coalition for a DSP Living Wage Steering Committee Members

The Arc of New Jersey
The Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities
The New Jersey Association of Community Providers
Autism New Jersey
New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities
The Family Support Coalition of New Jersey
New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network
The Statewide Regional Family Support Planning Councils

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