

**Theresa Utton**

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**Subject:** FW: Budget cuts

**From:** Charles Medick

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Hi Martha,

I learned today of the governors proposed budget cuts and am very concerned about the impact it will have on the most vulnerable populations that live in the state. \$6 million dollars is not something that designated agencies in the state can absorb as a cut and continue to provide adequate services to individuals with mental health issues intellectual disabilities and so forth. As is stands now people stuffing mental health crisis can take weeks to get in to inpatient psychiatry services at hospitals. The quick turn around of this proposal to the vote does not seem adequate. I doubt most Vermonters even know that this is happening. I understand that the financial situation is not good and that we have over budgeted this year. I am afraid that this proposed budget cut will increase costs for the state instead of reduce them. I think that if designated agencies are cut again, ( this seems to happen every year). We will see an increase in costs to the police to the hospitals in other associated emergency fees. We will see a deterioration to the quality of care to this population of folks. Like you I live in Westford. I have seen you speak on the Westford school board, and know that you have the best intrest of the folks in Westford in mind. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Charles Medick

Sent from my iPhone