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Proposed legislative changes will hurt people with disabilities

On **Wednesday, April 14th at 11:30 a.m.** Arc Northland and The Arc of Minnesota will call on elected officials to show greater leadership to protect Minnesotans with disabilities and their families from further budget cuts. A press conference will be held at **The Radisson Hotel, Forest Suite (505 West Superior Street)** and will include: Representatives from The Arc organizations, collaborating agencies, individuals with disabilities, and parents.

Advocates will urge the governor and state legislators to reconsider proposed cuts to human services that will add further burdens to individuals with disabilities and their families. They will share stories about the impact of cuts already made to disability services as well as from proposed future cuts. They will also share success stories of innovations in disability services that can both improve the quality of service and save the state money too.

Items to be addressed:

Current, future and past budget cuts for disability services, reduced access to medical and dental care for people with disabilities, Personal Care Attendant (PCA) program service cuts and changes, and program alternatives to spend tax dollars as efficiently as possible while preserving the independence of people with disabilities.

Arc Northland's mission is to create equal opportunity for quality living and to enhance dignity and respect for people with disabilities and their families.

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