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Hi All,

Please see below.

Good afternoon Madame Chairs and Members of the Subcommittee,

Thank you for the additional opportunity to address you this afternoon.

Having attended the December IFC meeting (albeit most of the time from the hallway, including most of the agenda item discussed during DCFS' presentation), based upon what you heard and read from earlier this morning, I have significant concerns that there are any institutions remaining in the U.S., including here in NV.

This fact is counterintuitive to both the spirit and intent of the (U.S.) Supreme Court's 1999 decision that you may commonly hear referred to in the national community as Olmstead. People with disabilities, even those with the highest levels of support needs, have a fundamental right to live in their community, just as their peers without do.

I strongly encourage the Subcommittee to ask good questions about the case during ADSD's presentation.

At the December IFC meeting, I gave my commitment to DCFS' Administrator McDade Williams, as well as Chief Innovation Officer Robb, to find innovative solutions to these complex issues. I intend to uphold that commitment as Session progresses.

I'm just an advocate with disabilities, but the community of people with disabilities need seats at the table which are fruitful in order to create tangible systems change, not ones which merely check requirement boxes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to once again address you this afternoon, and I stand ready for questions.

Sincerely,

Steven Cohen

Sent from my iPhone