

Sample Email Or Phone Call:

Hi,

My name is _____. I live in the city of _____
I belong to _____ self-advocacy group. As a person with a developmental disability I believe I should be treated as an equal member of society and I should be given the same rights as anyone else. To live in a decent place in the community. To learn how to better myself. To hold a decent job. To make my own decisions and learn from my mistakes without being intimidated or harassed by anybody.

The Developmental Disability Act protects my rights. It is coming up for reauthorization. You as my representative to Congress have the opportunity to help improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Up to now the money has gone to everybody else except directly to people with developmental disabilities and their organizations. Many people in Washington DC and across the country support including money to go directly to state self-advocacy groups to set up **SELF-ADVOCACY INFORMATION AND TRAINING CENTERS** as part of the DD Act. Do not vote for reauthorization of the DD Act unless it includes the Self-Advocacy Information and Training Centers.

Thank you for your time. If you need more information please contact Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered. Call Betty Williams at 765-935-4319 or call 518-474-5647 and ask for Chester Finn.

Thank you,
