



# Survival Coalition

of Wisconsin Disability Organizations

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## **Survival Coalition says that Joint Finance Republican motion does not heed disability community's input**

Joint Finance Republicans chose not to heed united stakeholder input from all across Wisconsin when it proposed biennial budget motion on long term care today.

Long term care participants, their families, small Wisconsin businesses, county leadership, and advocates were unified and vocal in their message to preserve Wisconsin's existing cost-effective and high-quality long term care system.

Specifically, the motion:

- Does not preserve IRIS as a separate program;
- Does not ensure that the current non-profit MCO model remains;
- Did not include stakeholder input in the development of this motion.

“This motion continues two more years of uncertainty for thousands of people and their families who depend on long term care to remain in their homes,” said Beth Swedeen, Survival Co-Chair.

“There is nothing in this motion that answers the many questions posed by participants since the budget was released back in early February,” said Maureen Ryan, Survival Co-Chair.

Survival Coalition calls for timely and authentic stakeholder input from participants families small Wisconsin businesses and advocates who are part of the current long term care system.

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Survival Coalition is comprised of more than 30 statewide disability organizations that advocate and support policies and practices that lead to the full inclusion, participation, and contribution of people living with disability.

Sincerely,

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