

## Example 1: Petition for Increased Funding for Services for Individuals with I/DD

Petition Title:

Support Increased Funding for Essential Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

### **Petition Statement:**

We, the undersigned, urge [Local Government or Official's Name] to increase funding for essential services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in [Location]. People with I/DD face unique challenges in accessing vital services, including healthcare, housing, education, and employment support. Currently, funding levels are insufficient to meet the needs of this vulnerable population, leading to long wait times, lack of adequate care, and missed opportunities for integration into the community.

By increasing funding for I/DD services, you can help ensure that individuals with I/DD have the support they need to live fulfilling, independent lives and become active, contributing members of our community. We respectfully request that [Local Government or Official's Name] prioritize this issue and allocate additional resources to critical services for individuals with I/DD.

### **Key Points:**

Individuals with I/DD require specialized services to thrive, including [list specific services, e.g., job training, respite care, assistive technologies].

[Include data or statistics about the local I/DD population and the gaps in current funding].

Increased funding will benefit not only individuals with I/DD but also their families and the broader community by promoting inclusion and reducing long-term care costs.

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# Example 2: Petition for Inclusive Employment Programs for Individuals with I/DD

Petition Title:

Support the Creation of Inclusive Employment Programs for Individuals with I/DD

### **Petition Statement:**

We, the undersigned, call on [Local Government or Official's Name] to develop and support inclusive employment programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in [Location]. Employment is a key factor in fostering independence, self-esteem, and community integration for individuals with I/DD. However, many people with disabilities face significant barriers to entering the workforce due to limited job training, lack of employer awareness, and insufficient workplace accommodations.

We believe that with the right policies and support, individuals with I/DD can make valuable contributions to our local workforce. We request that [Local Government or Official's Name] work with [Nonprofit Name] and other community organizations to establish inclusive employment programs that provide job training, career development, and support services for individuals with I/DD.

### **Key Points:**

Employment provides economic independence and social inclusion for individuals with I/DD.

[Include statistics or local stories that highlight employment challenges faced by individuals with I/DD].

Inclusive employment programs will benefit local businesses by providing access to a motivated and diverse workforce.

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# Example 4: Petition for Creating a Community Task Force for I/DD Support

### Petition Title:

Establish a Community Task Force for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Support

#### Petition Statement:

We, the undersigned, request that [Local Government or Official's Name] create a Community Task Force dedicated to addressing the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in [Location]. The I/DD community faces complex and evolving challenges in accessing healthcare, education, employment, and community services. A dedicated task force will bring together stakeholders, including individuals with I/DD, family members, service providers, and local officials, to identify solutions and promote policies that improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

The establishment of this task force would provide a platform for meaningful collaboration, informed decision-making, and the development of strategies that ensure individuals with I/DD can live with dignity and independence.

## **Key Points:**

The I/DD community needs targeted policies and services to address specific challenges.

A community task force would provide a direct channel for individuals with I/DD and their families to voice their needs.

Collaborative efforts between local government, nonprofits, and other community organizations will ensure that services are aligned with the actual needs of the I/DD population.

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