

November 4, 2008

Dear Chairman Dupray and members of the Board.

I am unable to be here this morning, as I am working at a polling precinct.

As a member of the Commission on Aging, I urge you to look for more options to the drastic cuts being proposed for the Senior Day Care.

It is very likely that the people who need and utilize those services are unable to come and speak for themselves today. We have a growing senior population. We should not be looking at such severe cuts for this program. The Senior Day Care provides the opportunity for people with dementia as well as other disabilities to continue living at home.

I know first hand, as my mother attended the Day Care for 1½ years while she lived with my family and myself. When my husband and I went to work, and our boys went to school, Mother went to the Sr. Day Care and loved every minute of it. The loving care and mental stimulation she received at the Senior Day Care is something that the County should be very proud of.

Please look for alternatives.

Sincerely,
Kathi Lishman

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