### **Letter from a Teacher or Employer**

**[Your Name]** [Your Address]  
 [City, State, ZIP Code]  
 [Email Address]  
 [Date]

**[Recipient’s Name]** [Title]  
 [Organization/Office Name]  
 [Address]  
 [City, State, ZIP Code]

**Subject: The Critical Role of CILs in Employment and Education**

Dear [Recipient’s Name],

As a [teacher/employer], I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Centers for Independent Living (CILs) have on individuals with disabilities. These organizations provide vital services such as job training, employment readiness, educational support, and transition programs that enable individuals to contribute meaningfully to their communities and workplaces.

Through CIL programs, I have had the privilege of working with [students/employees] who have overcome barriers to independence, gained employment, and developed the skills needed to succeed. Without CIL support, many of these individuals would face increased challenges in education and the workforce, leading to higher unemployment rates and increased dependence on public assistance.

Funding cuts to CILs would mean fewer opportunities for individuals with disabilities to access the resources they need to thrive. This would not only harm individuals but also negatively impact businesses, schools, and the economy as a whole. Investing in CILs is an investment in an inclusive workforce and a stronger community.

I strongly urge you to support continued funding for CILs to ensure that individuals with disabilities can continue to access the education, training, and opportunities they deserve.

Sincerely,  
 [Your Name]