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**Thousands of people across the state have voiced their opinion, but it is apparent  
our voices and message have not been heard**

(MADISON)- Save IRIS on behalf of the 12,000 IRIS participants, their families, and the thousands of people employed through IRIS, asks the legislature to remove the Long-Term Care changes from the budget and keep IRIS as a separate Medicaid waiver program.

Today, the motion created by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) regarding the proposed Long-term Care changes, has language which is more restrictive than the governor's proposed budget. It, in effect, states that IRIS will be combined with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and run by large for profit HMOs.

Our ability as stakeholders to determine how our Long-term Care will be provided is going to be greatly diminished if the full Assembly and Senate votes to turn this budget proposal into law. This will affect the lives of people with disabilities for generations to come.

Save IRIS requests that the legislature listen to the voices of 12,000 citizens of Wisconsin who have chosen IRIS because they want to self-direct their long term care services.

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*“Save IRIS” is a non-partisan grassroots movement of IRIS participants and their allies dedicated to preserving IRIS- Wisconsin’s only long-term care option in which participants completely self-direct their supports and services.*