

February 10th, 2011

Dear President Obama,

My name is Jeffrey Morales and I have been a client at A.B.C.D. Parker Hill/Fenway for eight years. I am also a second semester senior in the College of Nursing & Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Being a full-time nursing student, of course, comes with its own set of stressors. However, I am genuinely saddened and disappointed to be informed that due to budget cuts, this special and very important agency may be negatively affected.

Mr. President, I can assure you that without the assistance of all the compassionate professionals at A.B.C.D. Parker Hill/Fenway, I would not have been able to attend college and come as far in my career as I have. The kind folks at A.B.C.D. have empowered me to the point where I no longer felt any fear in terms of going back to school to get my education. They have also done this for countless others using only the limited resources that were in place before the budget cuts.

This agency also assists families in-need by handing out food through its food pantry, which I have been privileged enough to have been able to volunteer for. Not only have I

volunteered for their food pantry, but I've also been a recipient in-need. Furthermore, A.B.C.D. staff have helped me secure employment at one of the most renowned hospitals in Boston, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. I am a nursing associate there and can truly say that for the first time in my 30+ years on Earth, I love my job! That is a direct result of the effort put in by A.B.C.D. staff who were guiding me through the job-seeking process. In this economy, it wasn't the easiest ordeal to go through.

In addition, A.B.C.D. is the only agency that I've gone to, for several years now, for filing my taxes. They always have competent and enthusiastic professionals ready and able to help clients who truly need this service. I know that I can trust the individuals there and that is why I've been a part of their clientelle for many years now.

Lastly, I would, and ~~do~~ do, recommend this agency to my friends and family. Without the services provided by A.B.C.D., I honestly feel that many families in-need would feel the negative repercussions and have to suffer accordingly. Without A.B.C.D., the entity to suffer the most would likely be the community. For all that it's worth, this community genuinely needs to have an agency like A.B.C.D. up-and-running. Without it, I would not be who I am today.

Sincerely,
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