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**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
April 26, 2019**

Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Formica, Representative Lavielle and members of the Appropriations Committee. I am Jordan A. Scheff, Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and I appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony regarding **H.B. No. 7147 AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.**

H.B. No. 7147 details a projected shortfall of \$1 million in the DDS Other Expenses account for FY 2019. This shortfall is due to greater than anticipated costs directly related to the care of individuals in residential settings.

Although this bill projects a DDS shortfall for FY 2019, DDS plans to address this deficiency through the Finance Advisory Committee process by utilizing lapses in the DDS Personal Services account. For this reason, DDS no longer requires deficiency appropriations to meet the DDS shortfall identified in H.B. No. 7147.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding **H.B. No. 7147 AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.** Please contact Krista Ostaszewski, DDS Director of Legislative Affairs, at (860) 418-6066, with any questions.