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Center for Independent Living, Inc.



## *Thank You* for supporting the ILC Budget Amendment!

At MWCIL, we were thrilled to see that the ILC Amendment, sponsored by Senator Karen Spilka was included in the final Senate budget at \$5.660 M and has its own line item (4120-0200). We would like to take a moment, and thank Senator Spilka, and the other Senators who co-sponsored the bill: Senators Brownsberger, Clark, Creem, Eldridge, Jehlen, Joyce, Kennedy, Knapik, Lovely, McGee, Montigny, Michael Moore, Rodriques, Welch, and Wolf. Also, thank you to our readers who reached out to their legislators!



Senator Spilka with staff and consumers from MWCIL

The House also had an amendment. We acknowledge and thank the sponsors of the House Amendment: Representatives Story, Ayers, Balsler, Brady, Canavan, DiZoglio, Dykema, Farley-Bouvier, Fresolo, Garballey, Gregoire, Hecht, Heroux, Keenan, Madden, Mark, O'Day, Roy, Sannicandro, Scibak, and Chris Walsh.

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Representative Jeff Roy speaking at 2013 IL Education Day

### What's Next?

The House did not pass their amendment to increase funding or create a separate line item. Because the Senate and House versions differ, the final appropriation and line item will be decided in Conference Committee. We hope to learn who the 6 Conference Committee members are next week. Meanwhile, *please contact your Senator and Representative*, and ask for their support of the Senate version of the ILC Amendment. The additional \$1.1 million for the 11 IL Centers across Massachusetts will lead directly to more people being able to live successfully in the community, and not in institutions. Please help us get this amendment included in the budget that is sent back to Governor Patrick by contacting your Senator and Representative!

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