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It is the State's responsibility to care for people with developmental disabilities. Many of our citizens with disabilities are in not-for-profit agencies.

Therefore, we stand with the Alliance of Long Island Agencies, Inc. in supporting the Governor's proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour in NYS – however there is no money in Governor Cuomo's proposed budget to pay for this increase.

Additional funding is needed to pay workers the increased wages and to raise lower paid staff salaries so they don't lose ground when the minimum wage is raised.

We ask Governor Cuomo to please provide funding for non-profit agencies to increase salaries for low-paid staff proportional with minimum wage increases, and to fund these increases.

We support the Long Island Rally of the Alliance of LI Agencies Inc. this Fri., March 11, from 12-3pm at the Perry B. Duryea, Jr. State Office Building, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge.

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