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On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is with a heavy heart that I make the announcement that the Speaking Up For Us Annual Statewide Conference that was scheduled for September is being postponed. The Board of Directors had a conversation during their board meeting to weigh the risks and benefits of holding the conference and came to this difficult decision.

The board discussed continued concerns of the spread of COVID-19, the increased risk the virus has had on people with developmental disabilities, and the difficulty to meet all the steps required by the guidelines. The board also took into consideration that chapters are not able to fundraise right now to help the members pay to attend the conference.

The Board will be announcing a virtual event to happen in the fall as well as a plan to conduct the annual meeting business of the board. Additional ideas and plans are also being discussed and will be announced soon.

Thank you for your continued involvement in self-advocacy and we hope to see more self-advocates on the statewide calls being held twice a week.

Best,

Monique Stairs
Interim Executive Director
Speaking Up For Us