## **Sample Letter**

Dear Senator/Representative/ Assemblyman DOE,

My name is **BILLY RAY MOLAR** and I am a constituent. I had the pleasure of meeting you during your visit to **POSSUM TROT, NORTH CAROLINA**. I am writing to urge you to strongly oppose any proposal that would cut Medicaid Dental services for adults in our State. **(MENTION SPECIFIC BILL#/ NAME)** 

Medicaid provides the only pathway to crucial dental care for many adults with disabilities in NORTH CAROLINA – people like my FAMILY MEMBER/ FRIEND/PATIENT/ETC with CEREBRAL PALSY/ AUTISM/ SCHIZOFRENIA/ ETC. HE/SHE receives crucial, life sustaining support from the Medicaid program (DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILY MEMBER/FRIEND/PATIENT AND THE SERVICES THEY NEED).

Cuts in Medicaid benefits will create enormous hardship for **NORTH CAROLINIANS** with disabilities who like **MY FAMILY MEMBER/ FRIEND/ PATIENT** rely on Medicaid for essential dental care. As you may or may not know, the mouth is the gateway to overall health & wellness. Links have been reported between gum disease and heart disease, stroke, diabetes and other adverse events.

We urge you and your colleagues to oppose any cuts and/or caps in Medicaid Dental services. Thousands of constituents in our state, and around the country, are counting on you to do the right thing. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX, E-MAIL