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What Can I Do if I Don't Agree with Budget Cuts? – August 13, 2009

If you are concerned about the budget cuts, you have several advocacy options. First and most important, if you think the cuts were applied incorrectly, you can ask for a fair hearing. Disability Rights California has posted a number of fliers explaining the cuts. Please see those fliers for information about how you can ask for a fair hearing. If you want your benefits to continue at the level they were at before the cuts while you are waiting for a hearing, it is very important for you to meet the timelines for getting "aid paid pending." See the budget fliers, and Disability Rights California's other advocacy resources, for more information.

In addition, you can call your state assembly member, your state senator, and the Governor to explain how the cuts have affected you. Visit <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html> to find out who your assembly member or state senator is. Visit <http://gov.ca.gov/interact#contact> to find out where the Governor's local office closest to you is. Although the budget has already been passed for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, state elected officials still might want to hear what you have to say about the impact of these cuts on you.