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To whom this may concern:

As a service provider for ILF users, I would like to state that it is a great shame to think of the ILF closing down.

I know that in theory the money will be transferred to Social Services and it should amount to the same thing, but in practice, it will not be this way because in my 10 years experience in dealing with Social Services, I have come to see them in their true colours.

1. They are very difficult to deal with.
2. They nowhere near meet the needs of the users.
3. Their main criteria are to cut costs.

They always manage to couch their unhelpful manner by using seemingly good terms; but their true insidious intentions are not always clearly visible. It will therefore be a terrible blow for users and organisations that are trying to help the disabled but will be unable to do so due to extreme shortage of funding as the users will not be able to pay for their services. This will have terrible repercussions all across the country as Social Services simply do not care.

Please preserve the ILF as it is a lifesaver for hundreds of thousands of people.

Yours faithfully,

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