

Retarded once again deprived of needs

We, the parents of retarded and brain damaged children and adults are once again big losers of some \$68 million of funds for community homes for the retarded in the State of New York. Some \$34 million in federal funds and \$34 million in state funds have been rejected in this year's state budget for some 1,200 retarded New Yorkers.

Our mentally retarded have been caught in political games. Senators who supported the deplorable cuts cast votes in favor of neglect and indifference to human needs. Why? We call upon State Sen. John J. Marchi, chairman, Senate Finance Committee, to restore these cuts in the Supplementary Budget in June 1980.

Our retarded have learned to live up to their full human potential. We once again deplore these cuts in the budget. Our senators and assemblymen and assemblywomen will have to sleep from now to eternity — if funds for community homes are not restored in the 1980 Supplementary Budget.

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