APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST & JUSTIFICATION – FY 2022

# **Protection and Advocacy**

# **for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (PADD) provides advocacy assistance to:

**PADD funds essential advocacy for people with developmental disabilities, to prevent abuse and neglect and ensure access to health care, education, employment and other supports that allow them to be integrated and self-sufficient in our communities.**

* Protect people with developmental disabilities from abuse and neglect.
* Monitor facilities to ensure safe living conditions.
* Ensure access to community-based services and supports, such as education, housing, transportation, and health care.

**Background**
In FY 21, Congress recognized the positive impact of the PADD program and the desperate need for additional funding and funded the program at $41.8 million. This increase still falls far short from meeting the demands for assistance from children and adults with developmental disabilities. PADD program funding is administered by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Community Living, Administration on Disabilities.

**Request**
The PADD program is highly successful but limited by current resources. The Network urges Congress to build off the FY 21 increase as additional funding is critical to meet the program directives and provide the specialized advocacy services people with developmental disabilities need.

\*Displayed in Millions

**NDRN recommends a funding level of $45 million for Fiscal Year 2022**