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**From:** Jared Deschane <deschanej@wausaukee.k12.wi.us>  
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**To:** WHDPRAComments  
**Subject:** comments to proposed revisions to section 14C

To whom it may concern,

Thanks for taking time to listen to the voice of the people. My name is Jared Deschane and I am the principal at Wausaukee High School in Wausaukee Wisconsin. Wausaukee is a small town with a population of about 600 residents, our school has a total of about 500 students K-12. Our district has been partnering with Wausaukee Enterprises, a 14C provider for many years. Wausaukee Enterprises has provided opportunities for many of our students to: increase social skills, develop work habits, develop and learn additional academic skills, and participate in fun activities all in an environment where they have felt safe and secure. Some of our students have had the opportunity to continue on at Wausaukee Enterprises after their graduation and some of our students have moved on to get jobs elsewhere utilizing the work skills learned at Wausaukee Enterprises.

- Our area and the surrounding areas do not have access to public transportation or large retail and commercial businesses that could provide other work opportunities for students and adults with significant disabilities, having
- Wausaukee Enterprises provides students and clients with opportunities that they would not have otherwise.
- Wausaukee Enterprises provides transportation to and from their homes to the facility. Many of these individuals would be forced to stay at home because their caregivers or employers would not be able to consistently transport them to a place of employment.
- Without the services of Wausaukee Enterprises many of the individuals may have to be placed in day treatment or institutions, causing them to lose their ability to live and stay with family.

I understand and am all in favor of every individual having the opportunity to work in a regular job environment, however I am not in favor of penalizing those of us in rural communities who do not have the same opportunities for those jobs as the individuals in larger urban areas do.