

Dear Senator Lee,

I have had benefits through Employed Individuals with Disabilities for 12 years. I am 64 and will be 65 in June. I am not happy that my EID will be going away because of my age. The older I get, the more I need EID. With people living longer and working longer, it would be great if EID would follow suit. No upper age limit at all would be my preference, but having EID extend to 67 would be a good start.

Unfortunately, I have a lot of medical problems, requiring many medications, tests, appointments, etc. EID has been a godsend for covering these expenses. Right now, EID pays my Medicare premiums and deductibles. (The premiums alone are \$170.10 each month.) EID also covers Part D, and my medications cost very little. For all of this, I pay only \$25 each month.

The Medical Assistance that comes with EID is a very “good fee for service” plan, so I am able to keep my current doctors. Age 65 is coming way too soon for me... I am dreading it, mainly because I will lose EID.

EID has encouraged me to work, which has improved my mental health. Also, I feel that I am contributing to society. The extra income has been an enormous help with my household and personal bills.

Sincerely,  
Veronica Thomas