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Dear Doctor Salchert:\

The Faribault State Hospital and all other institutions for the mentally retarded and mentally ill in the state of Minnesota will not be allowed to present their true needs to the Minnesota State Legislature this coming session. The Department of Administration has dictated that we may only request so much, and that we must pretend these are our true needs. To me this seems to be unconstitutional.

Since I am in charge of about 2300 mentally retarded patients, I feel that my moral duty, if not my legal responsibility, is to inform as many legislators as possible of this situation.

Even if mental health is far down on the state's appropriations priorities list, *we still* should have the opportunity to present what we feel are our needs to the law-making body. I can not imagine that the State Legislature would want the I hope something can be done about this situation; it just does not seem to be American.

Very truly yours,

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Medical Director

cc: Mr. M.B. Krafve, Dir. of Admin. Services, Faribault State Hosp.
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*some letter
sent to
Norm Chamberlain*