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## Press Release

### Protesters demands answers from senator

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**Arkansas ADAPT** - Arkansas ADAPT went to senator Cotton office to get answers on where he stands on the senate healthcare bill. People with disabilities fear of losing services and care that allows them to live in the community is one of the concerns that tops a list.

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