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- a major very positive outcome is that some power is given to people with disabilities about decisions that ultimately concern THEM. I am speaking from personal experience, so my feedback may be tinted by my own experience!
- I believe that it should be very well known why and what the principles of the new law are guided by, **the inherent dignity** that **every** human being should have
- the guide for assessment of 'incapacity to make one's own decisions', I think is very important, and I think it should be available to all concerned
- related to that point, I believe the inclusion of principles to guide the assessment of in/capacity, because all these assumptions, presumptions re: the individual's decision-making capacity
- yes, I do agree about the law being clearer about the status of future directives
- there should be safeguards to protect the person with the disability/ies
- the powers of the Public Advocate and her office should be clarified and strengthened
- **if** there is a need for a guardian or administrator, it should be made very clear as to the extent of their power

I think that would be about all. I do believe, as may be quite obvious, that the decision-making power ultimately rests with the individual, or it is made with their best interests in mind.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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