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Re Raised Bill 1142, Section 4 (d) (1): This would discriminate against parents who do not have the financial wherewithal to hire expensive attorneys throughout the process, which will be most parents (especially in this economic climate). It will effectively restrict the right of parents to advocate for appropriate services for their children. I urge that it not pass.

Furthermore, re Raised Bill 1142, Section 5 (b): This would effectively leave young adults without services for a period of time, and force parents to care for them at home all day, forcing some of them to quit jobs, or pay for expensive care services. Furthermore, behavior can significantly regress during such a period, and I would remind the committee of the several tragic cases in the press recently where severely behaviorally involved adolescents or young adults attacked or even killed their parents. This section of the bill would impose a severe burden on many parents. I urge that it, too, not pass. Thank you for your attention.

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