

Public Hearing: HB5691, An Act Concerning Postsecondary Tuition Assistance and Special Need Subsidies for Adopted Children

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Good Afternoon Committee Chairs and Members of the Committee, my name is Maria Thomas. I reside in the town of Brooklyn and I am an adoptive child, adopted in 1998. I am here today to testify on House/Senate Bill HB5691, An Act Concerning Postsecondary Tuition Assistance and Special Need Subsidies for Adopted Children.

House/Senate Bill HB5691 will assist my younger brother and I to be able to attend college. We were both adopted in 1998, which is before the cut off year of 2005 when the adopted children have a large portion of their college paid for. I have been accepted to UCONN Storrs for the Fall of 2009. I have not really established exactly how I am going to afford this education. My parents are unable to supply the funds for my college considering that they have two biological children and two foster children living in our household in addition to my brother and I. I've applied for Federal Financial Aid, UCONN's Special Law Program and I plan to apply for many other scholarships. I have always been exceptionally good in academics and I strongly disagree with having funding as the reason to my discontinuance in school.

Thank you, Committee Chairs and Members of the Committee, for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
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