

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

Hearing Date: February 24, 2009

Dear Committee Members,

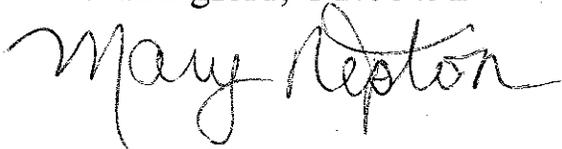
My name is Mary Nepton, I am an adoptive parent and I'm writing  
in support of HB5691.

I have four adopted children, two are a sibling group, and only one  
is eligible for assistance with postsecondary education. I also have  
a child who is graduating from high school this year, she turned 18  
last May in her junior year because she needed extra schooling  
when she was in foster care. Being 18 in her senior year is very  
hard because it is so costly, class ring, pictures, prom, etc. Actually  
all my adopted children will be presented with this problem.

Children who don't get a good start in their education will  
probably drop out of school, this is why we, as a state, need to let  
them have an extra year of elementary/middle school if needed.  
They will be a little older than the normal but they will be better  
prepared for life's journey.

This Bill is very important for our children. Please consider  
passing this bill and making sure all of our children get a good  
education.

Sincerely,  
Mary Nepton  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Nepton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.