

Robbyn Sibley SB424 Testimony

Good morning members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. My name is Robbyn Sibley and I am a registered voter from Oakdale, CT.

I am testifying about Senate Bill 424 (Raised) An Act Concerning Agency Consolidation and the Creation of the Health and Human Services Consolidation Steering Committee. In combining the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Department of Children and Families, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Public Health, and Department of Social Services into the Department of Human Services how do you feel that this will be effective.

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services should be a stand alone agency. They deal with adults. The Department of Children and Families deals with children and families. Children receiving mental health treatment should NOT be with adults receiving mental health and substance abuse treatment. How do you feel that throwing children into this mix is going to be effective to anyone? How in the world do you think this is going to work? By combining these agencies I feel will do more harm than good for everybody involved.

I am coming to you as a voter, resident, Vice-President of the Southeastern Mental Health Authority Community Advisory Board, and National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeast affiliate Vice-President. Thank you for your time.