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Dear Members of the Appropriations committee:

I would like to start by thanking you for the tireless service you perform for the government of Connecticut. The purpose of this letter is to express my concerns with the proposed budget, house bill 6380, which would eliminate the Board of Education and Services for the Blind, transferring its functions to other state agencies. As someone who has been blind since birth, and a client of BESB, I know first hand the necessary work this vital state agency performs. They were instrumental in allowing me to achieve my goal of graduating from college, and continue to provide me necessary services as I enter the job market. Furthermore, the integrated nature of the agency (having both children and adult services under one roof) has been extremely helpful in making for a smooth transition when I graduated high school. Since the representatives of both departments I was working with were all co-workers, working for the same state agency, I was easily able to start receiving the services and equipment I needed to successfully complete college.

When considering this resolution, I hope you take into account the necessity of keeping the agency as one coherent group in order to continue providing the level of service it currently provides.

Thank you for reading this letter, and I hope you will consider my points when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Alex Snow