

Dear Esteemed Members of the Appropriations Committee:

I am writing to you today, as the former teacher of a now fourteen-year-old girl who has been blind since birth. I had the privilege of working with this child when she was in 3rd grade at Samuel Staples ES. It is unfathomable to me that the proposed House Bill # 6380 will eliminate the Board of Education and Services for the Blind. BESB helped me provide my student with better instruction and support. They provided training and equipment that was critical for her independence. The employee who I worked with was very specialized and dedicated. The people of our state who receive this specialized training and education will be compromised if this bill passes.

I can't imagine what my life would have been like if I had been born with so many things to overcome. She is still an inspiration to me! The support I received from BESB was outstanding and helped me to do the best job I could in her regular education setting.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration to this request.

Sincerely,
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