

To Whom it may concern:

I writing to you in regards to the HB6380 and SB1012. I am asking that this proposal NOT split the BESB agency and consolidate children's services with the department of education. It will diminish the future prospects for blind and visually impaired people in the state of Connecticut.

I'm a mom of a five year old boy who is legally blind. He has a condition called Optic Nerve Hypoplasia and CVI. He is physically disabled and non-verbal. He has Cerebral Palsy, and Epilepsy as well. He has been receiving direct services from BESB since he was an infant. We are sure to say it's been extremely helpful to him. He started out not tracking anything and as time went on, he would track an object you present to him (close up)very slowly. Some progress has been made with the help and teaching from BESB.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend the public hearing, for my son needs constant care. I am hoping you reconsider this proposal.  
Cheryl Silva