

Good Morning:

I am contacting you today to request that H.B. 6501 bill be amended to specify that the SRBI process not delay a comprehensive evaluation or eligibility determination.

My child with learning disabilities will be attending college in the fall. It has been a very long road and I consider us fortunate because laws were in place that allowed him to receive an appropriate education without *additional* delays. Even with appropriate laws in place, we struggled and fought to get him the supports he needed to be successful. The first step to success is early intervention. I cannot imagine the feelings of tumult parents will experience if they have to face additional red tape when just trying to get their child identified.

I will be attending the hearing on Monday and know that your support on this bill is vital. Please support H.B. 6501.

Sincerely,

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