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Testimony re Senate Bill 156

Hi,

My name is Shawn K. I am 17 years old and live in Dayville CT and I am for the bill; 156, Act concerning sibling visitation for children in care and custody of the Commissioner of The Department of Children and Families before the select committee on children.

When I first heard about this bill I thought, where was this when my brother Gary was not able to see me due to the fact that he was adopted and the family he was with did not let him see or talk to me. I could not know if he was doing well.

As of recently I have had contact with him and I know he is doing fine. From what I heard he was kicked out of his home at the age of 18 and he did not even get to graduate high school yet. He was out on his own with no education, no job, nothing. He managed to get up on his feet and is now in a DMHAS program. He is in an apartment and he is working at a casino as a janitor. That tragic even allowed us to see each other again but I wish it was on better terms.

Well I guess what I am trying to say is that I don't want to see another family torn apart due to something like this and have to go through not knowing what is going on with their brother or sister whether it is bad or good. I know I wish I had known that my brother was unhappy and alone so that I could have given him some support even if it was just a little.

Thank you for your time.