

**My name is Joyce Ben-Kiki. I am the First Grade teacher at the Solomon Schechter Day School in West Hartford.**

**\* I am writing in support of Bill 369.\***

**I am writing on behalf of my student Alyssa Temkin.**

**Alyssa has been performing beautifully in First Grade. She is a calm and responsible student.**

**Alyssa's Care-taker, Sarah Sullivan, comes in the classroom, feeds Alyssa and quietly and quickly leaves. Alyssa is very comfortable with Sarah and so are the children in the class.**

**We feel that if a registered nurse came into the classroom, instead of Sarah, it would change the dynamics. Alyssa would be more anxious and stressed and each time, the class would be more aware that a medical person was there every 90 minutes.**

**We have a walkie-talkie with us at all times. The school is well aware of Alyssa's condition. She is never with anyone who does not have the walkie-talkie in order to call Sarah. Since the first day of school, Alyssa's feeding times have been impeccable and simply without complications.**

**I truly believe that the same procedure should follow Alyssa as long as she needs it.**