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House Bill 6001  
Public Health Committee  
Public Hearing: 2/27/13

We are writing on behalf of our daughter Rachel– a wonderful 15-year-old girl who has Velo Cardio Facial Syndrome – to respectfully request your support for **House Bill 6001 – An Act Concerning Residential Communities for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities.**

We are grateful to State Rep. Terrie Wood and to the Public Health Committee members for pursuing this legislation that will help lay the groundwork for the establishment of sustainable residential and work communities for young adults with developmental disabilities.

The idea for this legislation comes from the dedicated families and volunteers who are working very hard to establish the Green Hills Farm & Community (GHF&C) in Fairfield County – a place where young adults with developmental disabilities can go to live, to work, and to make life-long friends. My wife and I are part of the GHF&C team and are proud of what has been accomplished to date.

We are certain that our daughter Rachel will love to be a supporter of the GHF&C. Rachel loves animals, and is a very social and dynamic individual and has for many years benefited from private schools which allow her to maintain her social relationships and activates while providing a safe and nurturing environment. Rachel will also be happy to work to earn her keep. These opportunities will all be available Rachel and to other special young adults at GHF&C. Hopefully the GHF&C will serve as a model for other exciting projects across the state of Connecticut.

The purpose of HB 6001 is to encourage the State of Connecticut to be a partner and a cheerleader for the project. The GHF&C has already gained a ton of

momentum and synergy on the local level, and we would love the support from Hartford as well.

Thank you very much for your support of House Bill 6001.