

To Whom it Concerns,

My name is Tammy Brolet. I'm from Oxford, CT. I am a parent of Katie Brolet, now a fourth grade student. She has just, in the past week, been identified as having Dyslexia

I support HRB No. 5562, An Act Concerning Special Education. I am requesting additions to the bill. The school systems, teachers, special education etc., need much more knowledge about Dyslexia.

This is our story.....I have been told since kindergarten that my daughter was a "perfectionist" and that's why she was slow. Through each grade, kindergarten, first, second and third grade I would hear the same thing from the teachers. Now she is in fourth grade. She was always slower than the other kids. She always had a folder of "unfinished work". I became especially concerned in second grade and called for an evaluation. It wasn't the teacher, it was me, the Mom, that was concerned. From that, she got some reading help. It didn't seem to help her that much. The school said it was, but I did Not think it was.

If the people in the school system had any knowledge about dyslexia, they would have been able to diagnose my daughter with Dyslexia, by at least second grade, if not sooner! She is struggling in school and has been for years. Had it been that the professionals - teachers, special education, reading specialist, and school psychologists had the knowledge they needed about Dyslexia, my daughter would have had the help that she needed way back then! My daughter is continuing to struggle in fourth grade. It is getting worse. I have taken her to doctors and have had more PPT meetings about Katie, asking for more help and further testing.

In the past week I have had a PPT and just now, in 4th grade, I am finally being told that she has Dyslexia. It took all those years of me asking for help. Of me asking for more testing, to finally have them say she has dyslexia. I had asked about Dyslexia years ago, back in second grade. They did Not think that she had Dyslexia. So, Katie is now in 4th grade and she should have been diagnosed by at least 2nd grade, if not sooner! All that time the school system didn't have knowledge, to say that my daughter had Dyslexia. All that time wasted, that my daughter could have been getting the help that she needed! The school system, teachers, special education teachers, reading specialist, school psychologists and anyone else involved, NEEDS to be educated about Dyslexia!! They need to be taught what to look for, what the signs of Dyslexia are, because they do Not know!

I ask you to please think of our children. Our children are the ones that are suffering. Our children need you to support the bill and make changes for them! Please help them get the help that they so much need!

I support HRB No. 5562, An Act Concerning Special Education. I am requesting additions to the bill, to make it work. The school systems need much more knowledge about Dyslexia. The school system- teachers, special education teachers, reading specialist, school psychologists and anyone else involved, NEEDS to be educated about Dyslexia!! They need the knowledge on how to teach children that have Dyslexia. They need to be taught what to look for and what the signs of Dyslexia are, because they do Not know!

Thank You,
Tammy Brolet