

**HB 5534 ... An Act Concerning the Provision of Services to Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities**

Hi, my name is Michael. I am 12 years old and the brother of Anthony DelMoro. Anthony is 21 years old and is physically and mentally challenged. He means everything to me and I want him to have a place to live when my Mom and I can make sure he's happy. He cannot wait until my Mom is not around to be taken somewhere. He takes 24/7 care. He needs someone to help him and give him all his things that he needs. He can't do any of the everyday things without help.

I am learning in school about Government and that it is supposed to help people. How come they do not help physically and mentally challenged people like my Brother? My brother didn't ask to be born this way and he needs a life just like everyone else. He should be allowed to live with others like himself and Government should help these people. Anthony loved going to the respite center and a place like that would be perfect for him to live and be happy.

Please help us make sure my Brother is put into a home now and not when my Mom is not around. I'm afraid of that happening and my Mom is too. Please support HB 5534 which will help my Brother and other families.

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