

Hello,

My name is Kim Voket and I have a son, age 21, who has an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Hunter is a very high-functioning PDD-NOS young man. I am very concerned about my son's future in the state of CT. CT does not provide services for young adults who have ASD but do not have mental retardation. This is so unfair! These ASD youths need services too. My son has not been able to get any services through the state of CT for his entire life!!! I am a single mother and have always struggled financially to keep my son covered with health insurance. We even applied for Social Security/Disability for him several times, and were denied because my son doesn't have an IQ below 70!!! Please support the bill listed above to have services for those with ASD expanded in CT!!! My son Hunter Voket can live and work in the community as a productive member of society BUT not without appropriate supports! This bill will allow Hunter to access these supports and live up to his fullest potential.

You can reach me at 203-704-0949.

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Please contact me anytime to discuss this further should you need my input.

Best regards,

Kim Voket