

We are Frank & Denise King from Lebanon, Ct. We are testifying in support of SB1088 that would require the Dept of Developmental Services to submit a plan for the closure of ICF facilities, including Southbury Training School, for individuals with Intellectual disabilities.

We are the custodial grandparents of a 24-year old young man with ID/DD. He has been with us since he was 9 and has been on the Wait List for residential placement for at least 10 years. He needs a residential placement so he can live his life to the best of his abilities in the community with his peers. My husband and I are entering our 70's and we want to see him transition ASAP for both his and our needs. We are hopeful that closing costly institutions such as Southbury will enable all individuals with Intellectual disabilities to live more fulfilling lives. It is our expectation that the money saved by these closures will be used to reduce the wait list for residential placements by keeping these monies within DDS. My husband and I do not have 10-20 years to wait for a plan of action. Please start the process now so we can begin to work with DDS and our legislators to solve the growing crisis in the State of Connecticut.

Please make Connecticut a better place to live for everybody where the burden is shared by everyone in this state. Please be part of the solution.

Frank & Denise King, Lebanon, Ct

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