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House Bill 6681
Public Health Committee
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I am writing on behalf of my son James, a happy and healthy young man – to respectfully request your support for House Bill 6681 – An Act Concerning Residential Communities for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

I am very appreciative of the efforts of Rep. Terrie Wood for sponsoring HB 6681 and for her compassion towards those less able and without a voice and to the Public Health Committee members for pursuing this legislation which will help to lay the groundwork for Green Hills Farm & Community (GHF&C), an innovative, self-sustaining community for adults with developmental disabilities.

I am the father of James, a working professional and one of the core members of a group which has developed the plan for Green Hills Farm. We are seeking to meet a demand for a safe and nurturing living, working and social environment for individuals like my son after they age out of the State's school system and enter into the next sixty years of their lives!

The purpose of HB 6681 is to encourage the State of Connecticut to be a supporter for this pilot project by providing a parcel of land in Fairfield County for purposes of locating the farm. The project already has a strong team in place, a proven business model and local support. We are now seeking support from Hartford.

Please join us in making Connecticut a state that is willing to do new things in order to take care of all of its citizens and, most importantly, those without a voice.

I look forward to working with new DDS Commissioner Morna Murray on this project.

Thank you very much for your support of Health Bill 6681

