

Testimony of Walter L. Glomb, Jr.  
to the Committee on Public Health

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Good afternoon members of the Committee.

My name is Walter Glomb and I live in Rockville. I am 58 years old and I am a parent to a 27 year old man who has Down syndrome and lives with me.

I am here to SUPPORT Senate bills 683 and 918.

These bills would provide security for my son and thousands of others who live with intellectual disabilities and who need assistance with daily living.

While I am alive and able, I am pleased to provide this assistance to my son. When I am gone, he will most likely need assistance from the state.

Presently, the stated policy of the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services is to withhold public support until the death or disability of the caregiver. This is an unnecessarily cruel and expensive policy.

Dealing with these needs on an emergency basis traumatizes the individual who is in need and creates poor living situations.

The subject bills would enable Connecticut to address this essential need in a planfull way that would produce more desirable living situations at lower annual cost to the state.

The details in the bills speak for themselves.

Please give these two bills a FAVORABLE REPORT.

Thank you.