

Please oppose this bill.

We reside in Goshen. Our daughter is 6 years old.

We are the parents of 2 daughters, 1 of which was born with both Williams Syndrome and autism.

Our daughter is sweet, energetic, and the light of our life. She requires 24 hour supervision. She has limited verbal skills, is unable to tell us if she is hungry, thirsty, sick, nor what hurts her. She has no concept of danger, she doesn't understand that one doesn't step off a curb into oncoming traffic, does not respond to her name, and as a part of Williams Syndrome, has no stranger danger instincts.

It is quite the daunting task to manage our daughter's medical, therapeutic and educational needs and planning for her future, is even more so. The special education system in CT is already compromised, our district, Reg. 6, has treated us intolerably, and passing this bill will not help Elise's cause, nor other children like her.

Thank you for advocating for your constituents and opposing HB5552.

Jennifer and Michael Ryan

Here is one of the articles that I have had published.

<http://themighty.com/2016/02/what-keeps-me-up-at-night-as-a-special-needs-mom/>