

HB 504: AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

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Senator Bye, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Appropriations committee.

My son Geoffrey Schachter receives residential services provided by Ability Beyond in Bethel Ct. Geoffrey graduated with honors from Westhill HS in Stamford and attended Columbia University.

During his sophomore year he was struck by a vehicle driven by a drunk driver while crossing the street.

Geoffrey sustained severe brain damage which left him with extremely compromised cognitive functioning, loss of short term memory and various other disabilities which necessitate his being cared for the remainder of his life.

Geoffrey has been at Ability Beyond for the past 20 years and has been looked after with dignity and love by their wonderful staff. This is an outstanding Organization dedicated to helping those among us who are disabled, and I am very concerned that the most recent budget adjustments will result is a loss of services for Geoffrey and others whose lives require this level of care.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Steven Schachter