

March 7, 2016

RE: In opposition of House Bill 5552

My name is John O'Brien and I am a concerned citizen from Southington, CT.

I am writing you to ask you to oppose HB 5552, a proposed Bill entitled 'An Act Concerning Special Education'.

It adds yet another layer of administrative bureaucracy that special-needs families like me must negotiate while making sure that my son is able to get the support and accommodations he needs in order to receive the free appropriate public education to which he is entitled.

It should be pointed out that there is already a mediation process whereby the parties to any dispute might attempt to reach an amicable and mutually agreeable solution to their problems.

This language would tack-on additional legal costs and rack-up lost wages as working mothers like me have to manage an already exhausting schedule.

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote "no" on HB 5552 (and similar variations thereof should they arise).

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing this letter.

Sincerely,  
John O'Brien  
Southington, CT