

I am writing to urge your opposition to proposed House Bill 5552, an Act Concerning Special Education. As a parent of a teenager with autism, I view this bill as contrary to the interests of my son and all other children with disabilities in the state of CT. It puts another hurdle for parents in the due process procedure, by which only school districts could benefit. The bill is unnecessary, as CT already adheres to federal IDEA law which provides an adjudicatory hearing process for resolving disputes about special education before an impartial hearing officer. Please do not put students with disabilities at a further disadvantage in their efforts to obtain a free and appropriate public school education.

Thank you for opposing HB 5552.

Sincerely,

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