

I am the staff advisor to the "Together We Can" Self-Advocacy Council at Allied Rehabilitation Centers in Enfield, CT. The 20+ members of our Council wholeheartedly support **HB 5050, An Act Concerning Modernizing Parking Signs for People with Disabilities**. We like the design of the new sign because it

- has positive connotations of movement and independence versus restrictions and limitations;
- replaces the word "handicapped" with "reserved;" and
- will help improve public attitudes toward and awareness of individuals with accessibility needs.

We encourage you to vote in favor of this bill. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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