

- **My name is Nicole Bacile, I live in Enfield, Connecticut. I fully support HB 7254, An Act Requiring Special Education Teachers to Complete a Program of Study in Evidence-Based Structured Literacy Interventions for Students with Dyslexia.**

- **My son Luca attended the Enfield Public Schools and was not being taught by a special education teacher who understood dyslexia. At age 9, his summer reading list consisted of book on nursery rhymes that sent him into a spiral that led us to homeschooling. When he entered third grade Luca was at a kindergarten reading level. Luca spent half an hour a day with 5 other kids who were not dyslexics, being taught how to read by a special education specialist. If he had been taught by a teacher who understood that **dyslexics** are taught differently than other kids learning to read, perhaps he would of felt encouraged to continue public school in our town. We were told by our PPT team leaders that a qualified graduate of special education was what we would get. We would not be receiving a certified teacher in dyslexia as recommended by the Neuropsych Evaluation.**

- **Please Support the Dyslexia Bill HB 7254**