

March, 15, 2017

Dear Chairmen Boucher, Slossberg, Fleischmann and Ranking Member Lavielle,

My name is Kelly Dupont, I live in Darien, Connecticut. I fully support HB 7254. Thank you for reading my testimony in support of HB **7254** An Act Requiring Special Education Teachers to Complete A Program of Study in Evidenced Based Structured Literacy.

It is critical that our Special Education teachers receive a program of study in Dyslexia with Higher Education. My son, William is dyslexic and can only be successful with proper instruction. He is slowly making strides but the gap continues to widen and he is expected to make gains but cannot do that without an evidence based literacy program.

I moved to CT in the fall of 2015 and have been pleased with the level of Special Education services my child has received. It is critical that the quality of Special Education services does not suffer.

Thank you for your support regarding HB 7254.

Regards,

Kelly Dupont