



March 14, 2018

Dear Public Health Committee,

My name is Christina Calabro and I am the proud parent of Samantha (age 14) with IDD/ASD and we both reside in Ridgefield, CT. I am also the Executive Director for Western Connecticut Association for Human Rights, WeCAHR based in Danbury, CT.

Today, I am writing in opposition of SB 463 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FACILITIES AND RESOURCES PLAN FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY. The proposed bill is a backwards movement to the good work that has been done the past 12+ years of moving seniors and individuals with disabilities back into the community with appropriate supports. Why would a task force even consider the reversal of the work by conducting a study to re-purpose nursing homes to meet the short-term and long-term needs of persons with intellectual disabilities?

Please consider opposing this bill. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Christina Calabro'.

Christina Calabro