

Dear Honorable Member of the Legislative Committee

My name is Thomas Smith and I have lived in Avon CT. for the last thirty years. I am the parent of Glenn Smith , a young man with I/DD. I am testifying in opposition to Senate Bill 463. This bill, which proposes to look at nursing home beds for people with Intellectual Disabilities would seem to be a huge step backward. Why in the world would we want our son to be isolated and not in his community with friends and family? There are private providers who have provided and will continue to provide excellent supports in the community for people with I/DD. They do this for far less money than nursing homes would.

I would strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,
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