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Dear Honorable Members of the Human Services Committee,

My name is Susan Lucek-Hughes and I live in Tolland. I am the mom of Annalee Hughes, who was born weighing 1 pound, 10 ozs and has cerebral palsy and I/DD. I am sending in testimony today in support of HB 7093 An Act Establishing a Task Force to Increase Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities.

My daughter is 20 years old, and has one more year of “transition” services provided by her high school and a local transition services agency. The goal of the transition service is to help her find a “job” she can perform and that she likes, preferably in our community. This will be a challenge because she is also in a wheelchair, has significant physical disabilities and I/DD. But she really wants to work!

I fear that the transition system in place right now is not going to be successful in finding her gainful employment. There are and will be lots of volunteer opportunities, but She Wants to Work! And there are so many more just like her, who might need help to find the right job, who might need some assistance in performing the job, but who would rather be out in the community doing something of value and living a productive life, than not.

Please consider supporting this bill. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Susan Lucek-Hughes
Annalee Hughes