

**Testimony IN FAVOR of HB-5156 AN ACT CONCERNING FIRST RESPONDER
TRAINING FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER AND NONVERBAL LEARNING DISORDER.**

by Nick Glomb

Good afternoon. My name is Nick Glomb. I live in Manchester.

I have Down syndrome and I am concerned about relations between law enforcement and people who have intellectual disabilities.

Last year I graduated from Partners in Policymaking advocacy training by the Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability Rights Connecticut Inc., and the University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. My project was about the relationship between local law enforcement and students in special education. I interviewed local law enforcement officers about their views of students in special education and I shared my views.

We need more conversations between law enforcement officers and students who have disabilities. We also need training for law enforcement about intellectual disabilities.

Please amend this bill to include intellectual disabilities and pass it.

Thank you.