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Good afternoon Honorable Members of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee:

My name is Larry Gray, and I live in East Hampton. I am a parent of a person with I/DD. My daughter, Lauren, is 33 years old and lives with my wife and I.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 5059 An Act Establishing a Tax Credit for Businesses that employ Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

I support the proposed bill that would give a tax credit to businesses employing individuals with I/DD. This bill would give businesses an incentive to hire persons with I/DD. Currently it is very difficult for these individuals to find employment.

As a parent of a person with I/DD and also a board member of The ARC Connecticut I see the urgent need for the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your time.

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