

## Written testimony Bill 10-23

Thank you for accepting my support for Bill 10-23! Support for our Autism and I/DD community is so needed and too many times overlooked.

This is not an intentional 'leaving out' but it is how funding comes from the state and federal government. We are the only population that is growing and growing, graduating into independent and community living, all on our own.. even with our intensive needs.

In my opinion, not only is this Commission desperately needed for our families of diagnoses children, it is necessary for our adult population as well. What the County really needs is an Autism Specialist to head up and link all the services available in the county... maybe that's a bill for another day.

Families flounder throughout the aging process of their children and resources like day programs, emergency services, med management, employment and housing are scarce. The hiring challenges are at a crisis level not only in our county, but state wide.

On behalf of hundreds of families, amazingly gifted individuals and the adorable little tykes who love to line up their trucks, thank you Mr. Alborno and the entire council staff for recognizing this great need... we are desperate!!

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