

March 7, 2022

**Health and Government Operations Committee  
SB868- Developmental Disabilities Administration – Self-Directed Services (Self-Direction Act of 2022)**

**Position: Favorable**

I would like to register my support for SB868.

Please vote to recommend passage of this bill out of committee. As the legal guardian for someone with a developmental disability, I ask for your uncompromising support of their right to choose the types and intensity of supports and services they receive, so that they and their team can control how they live their life. More specifically, Self-Direction supports would enable this individual to access a more targeted vocational training program, thus reaching the goal of self-sufficiency sooner than later.

This young man below, Paul, seeks to learn a meaningful and productive set of skills to obtain a job, a real job that pays real taxes and contributes to the economy. With Self-Direction supports, Paul and his team can target his time and resources to learning specific skills to get a job that otherwise is not available to him.

Thank you!

Sue Kleit, guardian for Paul Kleit



*Figure 1 Here I am at Hot Breads Bakery & Cafe, learning food prep skills*