

In favor of HB0318

As a Speech-Language Pathologist and MD tax payer, I am in support of this bill. Not only is this bill cost effective for Maryland tax payers, it allows individuals with disabilities to the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Each Maryland individual, with or without disabilities, has strengths and weaknesses as well as talents that can be shared with the community. The state should be allowing those with disabilities to pursue their talents and strengths with the needed support. Self-direction allows individuals to be treated like a person, not like a number in the system.