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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

SB868, Estates and Trusts - Supported Decision Making

Position: Favorable

I would like to register my support for SB0559, Estates and Trusts - Supported Decision Making.

Most of us make decisions after thinking over the pros and cons, often discussing the issues with a trusted friend or family member. People with disabilities should have the same right to consult the people they trust before coming to a decision that will impact their lives. They should not be forced to decide on their own something that people without disabilities do not have to decide on their own.

Please vote to recommend passage of this bill out of committee. As the mother of an adult daughter on the Autism Spectrum, I am asking for your support of her right to choose the types and intensity of supports and services she receives, so that she has control over how she wants to live her own life. I believe that everyone should have that right.

Thank you!

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