

Bill: SB0583 DDA Self-Directed Services Manual – Public Comment (Finance Committee)

Hearing date: Tuesday February 24th at 1pm

Name: Jamey and Stacy Cohen, parents of self-direction participant Caden Cohen (Caden is a 25 year old young man who is profoundly autistic, completely non-verbal, and he also suffers from epilepsy)

We fully support this bill that Senator Jennings has brought forward. The DDA has made far too many changes over the past few years without input from the community that it serves. Many of these changes have had a very negative impact on the developmentally disabled community. This may only be a first step in improving the ways in which the DDA serves the community, but it is at the minimum an excellent start.

Thank you, and I hope everyone in the committee supports the bill.

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Jamey and Stacey Cohen