

Bill: HB1593 DDA Self-Directed Services Manual – Public Comment (Health Committee)

Hearing date: Tuesday March 17th 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 Delegate Guyton has brought forward. The DDA has made far too many changes over the past several 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