

Good afternoon,

I want to extend my support and encourage the committee to Restore the Fairview Trust to ensure it's stability for the Developmental Disabilities Community.

I am the parent of a child with Down syndrome and we were blessed to have benefited from grant funds a few years back to ensure the safety in our home of our child. You see, he is a "runner" and has no sense of boundaries and safety was a key concern for our family. He had decided to leave the house on several occasions on his own without our knowledge. The Grant provided us with alarms on all exterior doors in our home and in addition, screen doors with locks and additional fencing for the exterior of our property. These additions to our home may not have stopped his exit attempts, but they have provided valuable safety measures in our home allowing us to get to him quickly to avert his exit attempts.

I strongly urge the Committee and all members to support this important bill.

If anyone would like to speak with me further, I can be reached at home 503-856-9524 or cell 503-949-4129.

Thank you,  
Patricia Tischer  
Mom to Andrew age 12