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I am the parent and legal guardian of an adult with autism, OCD and other mental illnesses. My son has not been hospitalized recently, so I cannot testify about such issues as being denied access to healthcare (although my son and I have experienced it with other mental health providers), being denied supports (I have never been turned down to accompany my son and speak on his behalf as a guardian), and I have never been asked to sign any end of life care documents on his behalf. But to hear that this is being done by hospitals now, frightens me. When my son was hospitalized many years ago to have his gall bladder removed, there was no problem at that time with me or my wife staying with him the entire time to make sure there were no problems. It was essential having someone there to communicate on his behalf to the doctors and nursing staff about his special needs and medication reactions, and to make him feel more at ease and less anxious. Today, it feels like my son and other people with DD are targets because they have special needs and that their lives are thought of as more disposable than others. I always had a concern about police brutality, but now I cannot trust hospitals to even provide appropriate care for my son should he ever need to be admitted. LC52 needs to be passed into law today.