

Greetings, I want to express my thanks to all our legislators for the passing of SB 1606. You are heroes. I am a mother of a disabled child and I can not express the fear that gripped my heart and thoughts when I became aware of the hospital policy of no family member allowed during hospitalization of a Covid patient. The terror I felt at the thought of **what if** my family member became ill with the Covid virus. How was I going to protect my child if I was not allowed to be part of her health care, to reassure my child by my presence that she was not alone, to explain what was happening around her, and to comfort her. These were the thoughts that haunted me. Our disabled need continued protection. I am also very grateful for the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman for Residential Facilities for the Disabled of whom I hope are always adequately funded because this agency offers so many vital services to our disabled population. I am very grateful for this agency and the people who are dedicated to providing ongoing tireless advocacy, support and protection to the disabled. Also, thanks to our Senator Sara Gelser, who has championed one of our most vulnerable populations. So, please continue to support the well being of our disabled population. Again, I can not thank you all enough.

Sincerely,

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