

Hello my name is Ava Adams and I am submitting my testimony for the hearing on 2/28/19 about HB 3063. I will also be present to state my testimony in person.

I oppose this legislation for many reasons. However, primarily that the legislation is discriminatory against specific needs children and that it violates their federal right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education as guaranteed by the IDEA Act. Nowhere in the four page bill does it state that children with IEP's will be allowed to continue attending public school, and nowhere in the bill does it state provisions for, if they are not allowed, to have the critical services they receive in public schools provided to them in their homes. I would like my state representatives to reconsider whether they would truly want to support a bill that would take away my and many other children's access to speech pathologists, full day access to counselors, physical therapists, social skills workers, and other medical professionals that provide services we are not accredited to provide at home and do not otherwise have access to. Services that we and more importantly, our children, rely upon for their physical and emotional development, and which the federal and state government have assured us, is their right to receive along with a public education.

Thank you.