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Hello,

My name is Ashlee Simpson and I live in Salem/Keizer (it's literally on the line). I'm writing to you in regards to Bill 1606 because my 8 year old son has special needs, including Down Syndrome and asthma, as well as a compromised immune system. Children like my son, no matter the age, are dependent on familiarity, routine, and feeling secure. They often cannot communicate effectively and will most likely need someone very close to them to be with them in the the hospital to not only make the right choices, but to inform them of what is going on medically. Can you imagine laying in a hospital bed, all alone, with less than standard communication, lower cognitive ability, and strangers surrounding you making decisions for you? Our children deserve more, they deserve to be supported and represented fully and without discrimination. I am fearful that my son would one day be in this position, and I didn't take the opportunity to use my voice when the time came, which is now. That is why I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill 1606, because no Oregonian with disabilities should be without needed support in the hospital. Ever. For any reason. Ever.

Thank you very much for your time,

Ashlee Simpson