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Commissioner Murry,

I am writing you because after reading the Five Year Plan I see there is not mention of the Wait list. The folks on this list have been the invisible ones. My son was one of them, who until two years ago when I was 71 was placed in a private home run by MARC. I am pleased with his care and have constant contact regarding his care. I worked in the Social Service field for over 37 years. I work for the state and private organizations both here and in Florida. I am aware of state guidelines and was required to train my staff accordingly. There were mandatory trainings we all had to attend according to state guidelines. We were monitored as any state run facility would have been. Families need to be educated in the fact that all facilities that are funded and licensed through the state are monitored regularly. The care their loved one requires they will receive in the private sector. Their caseworker will meet with them and their caregivers to ensure that this care is meeting the needs of the individual. I don't think there is much of a difference in the quality of care an individual receives in the private sector verses the State except the cost. It is my hope that parents and loved ones of individuals currently served by the state will be assured that the quality of care of their loved one require will not change. It will just be cost efficient and possibly open the door for those on a wait list to receive services. This is my hope and the hope of all parents of special need children. I thank you for your time and attention to this matter and can see you are on the right path to providing services to all of the people in the ID,DD community here in Ct.

Sincerely,  
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