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Proponent Testimony HB 352

Prohibit blindness from denying or limiting care of minors

Dear Chair, Brett Hudson Hillyer, Vice Chair, Diane V. Grendell, and Ranking Member, Tavi Galonski

My Name is Tatiana and I am an adult child of blind parents. I am in support and implore you to move HB352 forward off the floor and into the House for a successful, powerful vote; and then into law.

I was adopted at the age of 8 years old with my biological sister. We were in foster care and had no promise of finding a home. The Turner's who are both blind, were seeking to give back a little of what they've received from their non-disabled parents of being law citizens and having the American dream. Both were employed by the federal government and owned their home. So, as you can see, they were taxpayers and competitively employed.

I am fearful if there were something to happen to me that they might not have the honor to raise my children, who are their grandchildren. This law will not only protect my kids, but others who might have a chance of being adopted. Thank God, love has no color or disability.

Please on behalf of foster children, like myself pass HB352 and protect parents who are abled and not disabled to be guardians, adoptees and parents.

Thank you for reading!

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