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Prohibit blindness from denying or limiting care of minors

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

Good Afternoon,

I am Suzanne Turner a proud mother of two adopted adult children and a grandmother of three. I have the God given pleasure of being a mom and now grandma.

, I was born with a heart disorder that physicians advised me not to carry a child. So, after me and my x-spouse became successful, we sought adoption. The children that were presented had one of the girls notated as visually impaired. And, we knew that we wanted to give that child a chance at a productive life. We gladly adopted both girls.

Society has a warped thinking pattern that they were adopted to care for us. That is so far from the truth. We both, my x-husband and I have worked in the federal sector for over thirty years. We both are involved with our community and pay taxes. Not only that, we provide support to our families, friends and others; via financially, emotionally or spiritually.

I am urging you to pass this important bill off the floor for a vote. If you really think about it, a person is only an illness or accident away from being disabled. So, would you want a social worker or x-spouse telling you that you are incapable, when it comes to your child. If it is founded, then a discussion or support should be offered. This opportunity is given to those who are not disabled. Don't we deserve the same treatment?

Thank you for supporting and representing the disabled community in this regard. This has been a long journey and it is time we get this into law!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Turner