

Dear Representative Thompson,

I strongly support HB232, the Training and Disability Identification Bill. The reason I would like to see this passed and become law is to provide a much needed avenue of choice for those who experience odd looks, suspicion or discrimination for a disability their community does not understand.

I cannot imagine having to explain the way I walk to any stranger due to a disability I was born with or a current medical condition. Eyes on me from others when I park in handicap parking while appearing 100% healthy would allow me the dignity to park amidst the judgment I feel staring at me.

I'd like to see our community be educated as a whole as well as the professionals who will be given the correct information and education of how to interact appropriately with those who experience a hidden disability.

The heart of this legislation is good in my opinion. It serves to bring integrity in communication and will produce more positive outcomes in the future on both sides of this issue. It brings dignity to situations that could go awry quickly.

I fully support this bill and thank you so sincerely for being willing to become a part of change. I cannot wait to hear the positive stories as a result of this legislation!

You have impressed us with your diligence to move it so quickly to legislation. It spoke volumes to me as a community member that you deemed this as so important. I appreciate all you have done and will continue to do to help this become a reality for our community.

Sincerely,

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