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Testimony by Lily McAllister

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Lily and Jen McAllister live in Albany

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lily McAllister and I have autism. That is not all I am. I am getting my regular high school diploma in June. I am working at the local animal shelter. I am a mentor for younger kids with autism. I will go to community college next year. These things are possible because I had adequate EI/ECSE services as a child. I needed self regulation and to learn how to learn. This intensive intervention can only be done before 5 to change a person's outcomes later in life. The numbers of people with autism are on the rise. Help us now for a better tomorrow!

Thank you for your consideration,

Lily McAllister