

Good Morning Ms. Burns:

I am sending you this email in regards to what I think may be a good alternative to the future of STS. It has been determined some time ago by Senator Richard Blumenthal (when he was Atty General for the State of CT) that when there are 880 individuals that reside at STS, it is financially lucrative for not only the DDS but also for the State of CT with the ICF funding we receive per individual. I think that all the individuals that reside in long term care facilities that are receiving mediocre or less care, should be brought to STS, where our staff, nursing, and medical doctors are specialized in this field, to live out the remainder of their life with the respect and dignity that they deserve. This makes sense fiscally, and we have the staffing to secure their needs on a daily basis.

I don't say that they all come in at once, however, they could be filtered in over the course of a years' time, at 100 or so each time. Another additional alternative is to go to legislation and have the "NO ADMISSIONS" clause amended to allow by attrition that as one individual expires here, one individual can come to reside here that is on the large waiting list for STS. At some point, the State of CT has to account for the many families that have kept their children at home to care for all their lives with MINIMAL resources, and now the parents are at an age of 75yrs old or more, to carry the burden of "Who is going to care for my child when I die". These families have lightened the load immensely for the State of CT for a good number of years. It is time to pay it forward.

STS has beautiful grounds, beautiful homes, and excellent staff that enhance the individuals that reside here. They go out into the community much more than they would if they lived in a group home. The residents of Southbury, CT are great advocates for STS as they see what the school has done for the "boom of business" to the town with large amounts of monies being flushed into the area businesses that receive a great amount of support from STS. Taking that away will in fact devastate the economic aspect of this town.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my idea of what STS could become.

Sincerely,  
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