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In regard to SB 276 I would like to enter my testimony.

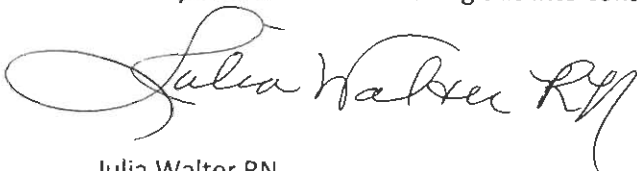
I Julia ( Sanford ) Walter was raised by a Blind Parent. Granted she had phenomenal family support, but still had to overcome all the obstacles that came before her. I was the Middle of her three children that she raised. Having a Blind parent was just "normal" for us. No different than any other parent really other than she gave us all a much different outlook and a deeper sense of empathy for those less fortunate than us, for whatever reason it might be. I have carried that into my adult life.

My mother's blindness and eye surgeries and recoveries gave me a love for Nursing, I take the lessons learned in my younger years into my practice.

Just to be clear, not once did the fact that she was blind make her any less of a responsible parent. In fact, when I had my Daughter Beth, my mother had a hand in taking care of her and teaching her important life lessons as well, as an infant and into adult hood.

I can't say how my life would have been like had I been raised by two parents that neither one was blind, but I know that there are many ways my mother made me a stronger and better person.

Thank you in advance for taking this into consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Walter RN". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Julia Walter RN