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Letter:

Greetings,

Please move favorably S2414 a remarkable bill that keeps Massachusetts on the forefront of disability rights, by creating opportunities and access to higher education. For students with dyslexia this legislation is critical. Support S2414, (previously S2393 and Amendment 11 for Dyslexia passed the Senate July 7th) and/or Dyslexia H4406 in Massachusetts, regarding early

dyslexia identification.

We have the science to help the kids most likely to be struggling in 3rd grade before that happens, why not inform teachers and protect the right to read for kids who have dyslexia?

Do not let the session end with no action for students with dyslexia, and creating opportunities for higher education for more members of our community, making Massachusetts a more inclusive state.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Samantha Lambert	Everett, MA	2016-06-28	<p>I am signing because every child deserves early screening and intervention. I am signing because had it been available when my son was in pre-school/Kindergarten we may have been able to close his reading gap. I am signing because no child should feel the anxiety that comes with dyslexia when help is not available. This bill will be the beginning of great things in Massachusetts, children and parents getting the help they need early enough for it to make a huge difference. Please don't let Massachusetts fall further behind. The research and science is there, we know and now understand how effective early identification can be.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Samantha Lambert Everett, MA</p>
Arlene bears	Everett, MA	2016-06-28	I'm signing for a number of reasons but first and foremost for my grandson!
Chad Green	Cambridge, MA	2016-06-28	I believe in early screening for dislexia
Ann Civitareale	Medford, MA	2016-06-28	My son has dyslexia and the school is doing nothing to help him. He is in 3rd grade and cannot read!
Melissa Seward	Everett, MA	2016-06-28	All kids deserve a chance. Regardless of their situations.
Leanne Harris	Medway, MA	2016-06-28	<p>Early intervention is scientifically proven to change the dyslexic brain. MA is behind other states in providing best practices for dyslexic children; understanding the civil rights failures for dyslexics and committing to improving education for the large percentage of dyslexic students. It's embarrassing that MA is not at the forefront of dyslexia identification and intervention. The lack of strong dyslexia programs in public schools is a direct reflection of political leadership failing vulnerable children.</p> <p>Dyslexia is serious and should be considered as such.</p>
Connie Davis	Stoughton, MA	2016-06-28	I am a mother of a Dyslexic child that the Stoughton School system refuses to teach him to read. Please help us.
Lisa Workman	Methuen, MA	2016-06-28	<p>I am signing this petition for every child that has dyslexia and learns differently. Dyslexic children in MA should not have to be made to fail with a wait and see approach. I have seen the effects personally with my son just how damaging it is to his self esteem. All children deserve FAPE it's critical for MA to pass dyslexia early screening legislation. Providing early screening with the right supports and strategies to dyslexia children in PRE-K or Kindergarten will improve their future academically to become successful and confident students in school.</p> <p>Lisa Workman Methuen, MA</p>
Danielle McNamara	Newport, RI	2016-06-28	For my nephew Matthew Davis and other kids who need this to get the help reading they need!!
Meghan Gallinagh	Westborough, MA	2016-06-28	I am signing this petition because my son has dyslexia. He has been passed on grade after grade yet falling further and further behind his peers. We know the science behind it, now we need to make sure all teachers can teach to all learners!
Frank Davis	Stoughton, MA	2016-06-28	My son is dyslexic

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Bethany Rappoli	Chelmsford, MA	2016-06-28	I'm signing this because early screening and early intervention would have prevented our child from having to struggle through early elementary believing she isn't intelligent, when the reality is her IQ is very high and she is dyslexic.
Kendra Steucek	Ashburnham, MA	2016-06-28	My son has dyslexia and hasn't received the appropriate support in our public school district.
Anita Keenan	Stoughton, MA	2016-06-28	Kids with dyslexia CAN learn to read when taught they way they learn! It's unfair to expect that every student learn the way that administrators are willing to allow teachers to teach!
Maryann Donovan	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-28	Both my daughter and I have dyslexia. Early direct and specific instructions are imperative. We need to stop wait and see if they fail. Every district in the commonwealth does this.
Susan Sullivan	Worcester, MA	2016-06-28	Please help our children. My son has struggled and got so frustrated because of the lack of admittance of dyslexia in the public schools.
Tricia Shaw	Attleboro Falls, MA	2016-06-28	Every child should be taught to read!
Michelle Robertson	Haverhill, MA	2016-06-28	My son has dyslexia
Betty Courtenay	Wakefield, MA	2016-06-29	We need to make sure EVERY child gets the opportunity to succeed
Christine Doherty	Medway, MA	2016-06-29	I spent countless hours and money to fight for my child to get the services and programming he needed to learn to read. While I am so thankful we had the resources, both awareness and financial, to fight for FAPE, I do wonder how less the struggle would be for him had he received the significant, targeted intervention years earlier. It needs to be more and sooner for students with dyslexia. I am signing this petition so others can get the help they need at younger ages to overcome dyslexia.
Sandy Valois	Blackstone, MA	2016-06-29	Every child deserves the opportunity to learn.
Stephanie Reynolds	North Reading, MA	2016-06-29	The earlier children can get help the easier it will be for them as they grow.
Scott O'Donnell	Framingham, MA	2016-06-29	Because no parent wants to hear the words, "Daddy I'm dumb". Coming out of the crying mouth of a 1st grader at bedtime because they are so stressed about school in the morning... No you're not dumb, everyone learns differently. "But I'm the only person in my class that can't read....". The science is there, the screening is there, there are proven methods to teach the 15-20% of students affected by some form of Dyslexia. This is not rocket science, this legislation needs to be passed.
Heidi Wilson	West Boylston, MA	2016-06-29	Early intervention is paramount to success
kristine orourke	north reading, MA	2016-06-29	It's needed
Nancy Abrams	Revere, MA	2016-06-29	Nancy Abrams
Melissa Marquis	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	My son is Dyslexic and his struggle was unnecessarily difficult. We need a common and scientific based understanding of Dyslexia using evidence based tools to remediate We need fair access to the curriculum for our children.
Sydney Bears	Everett, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because no child should be afraid to read in class because they have trouble. No child should feel stupid because they have trouble reading while kids in their class are way ahead. Early screening will allow these children to know they aren't stupid and just need some extra help. They're not dumb, they're not lazy. My nephew is living proof that this is not a limit. Though he has dyslexia he still achieved the 'rocking reader' award in school. With a little attention and help everyone with dyslexia can be a rocking reader also.

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Alissa Long	Boston, MA	2016-06-29	I support early and mandatory dyslexia screening for all children in MA. As a Special educator and Orton-gillingham trained dyslexia tutor I know that early screening and intervention are crucial. If you wait until fourth grade to identify, too much time is lost and risk of dropping out of school or entering the criminal justice system increases. We know how to teach dyslexic children to read. Let's identify them as early as possible to begin proven successful intervention such as Orton-gillingham. The time is now!
Sherry Gordon-Shulik	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing this because I am Dyslexic, I'm a teacher, I love children and believe each one deserves a complete education. That starts when they are young and their minds are easily adaptable to modes of teaches teaching that will help them. The first step is very early screening. Thank you.
Katelyn Fawcett	Chelmsford, MA	2016-06-29	My daughters best friend struggles with dyslexia and was only diagnosed through expensive private testing! I cannot imagine how many children are undiagnosed and not receiving proper treatment! Additionally, our friends pay for private tutoring. Our school system is failing her needs! We as a state need to help diagnose and support this group of children!
Peter Sullivan	Worcester, MA	2016-06-29	As a parent of a child with a serious learning disability, I know that we have an obligation to do whatever we must to help our children learn effectively.
Melissa Marquis	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Common sense legislation and Massachusetts you are well behind other states despite having loads of expertise including Tufts, MIT, Harvard/MGH at your finger tips. My son is Dyslexic and his experience in grades 1-2 was completely unnecessary and severely damaging to his self esteem. Please act now
Theresa Santullo	Burlington, MA	2016-06-29	All children should be taught to read!
Nancy Anthkng	East Greenwich, RI	2016-06-29	I see how hard it is for my grandson. The public's school has failed him. We need teacher's who can teach kid's with dyslexia.
David Rappoli	Chelmsford, MA	2016-06-29	Not only is this legislation important to all the children it will help, but it can allow for a better understanding of this often misunderstood disorder by teachers and other early education caregivers. Better training and earlier interventions will lead to significantly shorter and more successful remediation periods.
Melanie Greekey	Medway, MA	2016-06-29	Tim Doherty
Jessica Nagle	Topsfield, MA	2016-06-29	It's time to align neuroscience with education. Science tells us who will struggle to read, but we still use the wait to fail model. It's a civil rights issue. We need to do the right thing for 1 in 5 children in MA as well as the teachers working with them.
Margaret Malpiede	South Easton, MA	2016-06-29	Margaret malpiede
Tessa Mckinley	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	Both my daughters and my husband are dyslexic. Families shouldn't have to spend thousands of dollars on private testing to prove their kids deserve services and appropriate interventions should be available to all who need them
JOANNA KELLY	Hollywood, FL	2016-06-29	I know a great MA student who needs extra help because of his dyslexia!
Susan Craig	North Grafton, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing as a parent and wife of a dyslexic. My daughter deserves proper support. My husband never got it.
Barbara Aghamianz	Watertown, MA	2016-06-29	I don't want to see another family have to deal with begging for services for their dyslexic child like we have had to year after year
Donna Gargett	Jacksonville, NC	2016-06-29	Because I didn't get the help I needed growing up and didn't find out I was dyslexic until college. And now 30 years later my daughter is struggling and the schools do not have the tools to help her. We need change!!

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Maria Pedicord	Coconut creek, FL	2016-06-29	I have a friend who has a son that needs help and he won't get the help he needs! What is wrong with the system!!!! Fix it and teach him to read! This is The United States
Vicky Long	Topsfield, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing this because I am a mother with a dyslexic child.
michelle carli	north reading, MA	2016-06-29	This needs to happen for the children of the future - it will make a difference in the outcome of the lives of many!
Sharon Ross	Medway, MA	2016-06-29	MA needs this for our schools!!
Kristin Hutchison	Stoneham, MA	2016-06-29	Because my son is dyslexic and our children need early detection and proper reading program
debra pace	Saugus, MA	2016-06-29	I know someone
K Chaisson	Marblehead, MA	2016-06-29	These are smart kiid that need extra help.
Jennifer brewin	Stoneham, MA	2016-06-29	We need to educate our children better!
Dawn Altieri	Westfield, MA	2016-06-29	Both my children have dyslexia, one has dysgraphia
Elaine Gabovitch	Lexington, MA	2016-06-29	I have se
Jessica Durney	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Both of my children have dyslexia. And both of of their uncles have dyslexia and see as adults how they struggle as they never received little to no support in school and they are a product of this.
Laura French	Woburn, MA	2016-06-29	My fourth grade granddaughter barely reads and it breaks her heart. She is super smart but dyslexic students are overlooked.
Harold Peper	South Easton, MA	2016-06-29	My son Is a Dyslexic. Only through extensive private testing have we been able to have him diagnosed. Our public schools test for body mass index and scoliosis but we don't test for the basic life skill of reading. Really? Dyslexia is a recognized disability by our government yet our public schools currently don't work to identify the diagnosis at an early age. Please join in to get testing at our public schools. Thx!
Dawn Braz	East Wareham, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing because I have a 15 year old daughter with dyslexia. She is very intelligent, sensitive, kind and great with people but her previous school system has passed her along through her education to the point that going into grade 10 she works around a 3rd grade level and her self esteem suffers for it. These children need early testing and they need to be taught in a way that they are capable of learning rather than schools or teachers lacking understanding and trying to make them bend to be like everyone else. Every child is different! Every child deserves and has a right to an education. It just should not be such a struggle for the children or their parents who face the constant battles to try and help them.
Janet Thibeau	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because 4 of my children have dyslexia and I work as an advocate and college consultant for families of students with special needs. Please ensure that students with dyslexia are screened in kindergarten and start getting the appropriate services then, rather than waiting and compounding their challenges by risking co-morbid issues arising (anxiety, school avoidance, behavior issues, etc.) Students with dyslexia have average to above average cognitive abilities and great potential. Help them realize that potential by teaching them to read before they are left behind.
Andrea Gorman	Millbury, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing this because I have two kids with dyslexia that were not recognized with dyslexia until 3rd grade and became so far behind in reading even though there were indications in kindgarten. We need to start screening early so this kids have access to appropriate teaching techniques early in education career and do not have the struggles of "catching up".

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Marion Valeri	North Reading, MA	2016-06-29	I have seen children wait too long to be tested, it needs to start earlier to help the children off to a better start. Waiting til third grade or longer only causes frustration.
Amy Sawyet	Winchester, MA	2016-06-29	I have three children with dyslexia
Jean McCormack	Dartmouth, MA	2016-06-29	MA students deserve to have this.
Carol Hunt	Lunenburg, MA	2016-06-29	Teachers are not picking up on the signs of dyslexia early enough. They just pass the child on to the next grade without giving the child the early intervention needed.
Kirsten Lovett	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter was identified with having a specific learning disability in 4th grade after I submitted a written request to have her tested. The school would not allow me to tell her teachers she was dyslexic until I had an official diagnosis from a neuropsychologist. The exam costs \$3,500 and is not covered by insurance. We have spent over \$10,000 in private tutors to play catch up and bring my now 8th grader up to grade level. If we had know about this earlier, the past few years would not have been so difficult. Please get this legislation passed.
Elizabeth Nolan	Northborough, MA	2016-06-29	I have a 14 year old with dyslexia and we are struggling to get what he needs through public school to bring him up to grade level. If we had early detection and intervention, our struggle would be less. We need this legislation passed for our kids' success. Northborough MA
Mardi Loeterman	Waban, MA	2016-06-29	I teach middle school students with dyslexia. If they had been diagnosed and taught to read when they were young, they would not be so far behind today. We know how to do this. Early intervention leads to stronger academic skills overall and better emotional health. Let's do this for the children.
Brian Donkvan	Watertown, MA	2016-06-29	A relative had dyslexia as a child and it was never diagnosed. This kept him from trying to do more with his life in terms of his education. It should have been identified earlier in life.
John Kefalas	Mansfield, MA	2016-06-29	two of my children are dyslexic and earlier detection would have made a big difference for them
Serenity Greenwood	Hampden, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter has dyslexia and understanding how to teach her is imperative to her success. Her teachers haven't had access to the professional development and support from the public school system that would empower them to help her succeed. My daughter continues to label herself as "dumb"and has been in counseling to help reverse the effects of "not being understood". The fix is an easy one, the research is there, the program's exist, please support these children!
Andrea Malm	Hopkinton, MA	2016-06-29	My son is dyslexic!! And want to help him, and others get the tools he/ they need without delay, and without having pay private tutors which are very expensive and place tremendous financial burden on families!
Maureen Grimes	Amesbury, MA	2016-06-29	Done the earlier the better.
Kelly Burns	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because my daughter is dyslexic.
Nancy Doyle	Milton, MA	2016-06-29	Town of Milton My child is dyslexic
Nancy Duggan	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	The science is clear, too many schools refuse, legislators need to act.

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Christine Parks	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter has dyslexia. She is in high school now and is doing well but we had to push in the early years to get her evaluated as the school system wanted to "wait and see". She has put in a lot of hard work to get where she is, but had we took the "wait and see" approach she might not be where she is now. We spend so much time and money on high stakes testing which does nothing - it does not close the achievement gap and we don't even know if tests like the PARCC appropriately assess what it says it does - there is no research behind this. There is science and research supporting screening for dyslexia. Isn't time we put our efforts and money towards something that will have an impact on student success?
Sharon Levesque	Marlborough, MA	2016-06-29	as a teacher I am concerned
Karen Winship	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I have two sons with dyslexia and I want to help make changes for others coming through the system in the future. The struggle has been to difficult, hard and stressful without appropriate guidelines in schools that recognize dyslexia.
Erin Cronin	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I have seen the real life struggle with friends children. I have also seem how amazing proper tuitoring is. This can be decoded right down to single letter sounds. I am also a nurse and see kids who are not helped turning down very difficult life paths. We either help them now or get ready to stick them in a life time of anxiety meds and ADD meds.
stephen Kivimaki	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	I'm 40 and Dyslexic. It's a style of learning and needs a alternate methodology to communicate to each student so that they my learn.
Melissa Jolly	Woburn, MA	2016-06-29	Early screening can make ALL the difference in a child's success.
Gina Antidormi	Lynnfield, MA	2016-06-29	My son is dyslexic and did not receive help 3rd grade. He only received the help because I fought and did outside testing.
Lori Burke	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Early screening is critical!
Jane Kowalski	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I believe in forwarding the motion and to assist all public school students with reading disabilities
Jessica Rios	Brighton, MA	2016-06-29	Dyslexia needs to be identified early to get effective instruction.
Amy Conner	Watertown, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because my 7 year old daughter is dyslexic and without early intervention, she would have continued to fall behind at school. Not all kids with "behavior" problems are simply refusing to comply with instructions at school. My daughter was overwhelmed and frustrated. With specific reading instruction and classroom support, her behavioral issues disappeared. Kids identified early have a chance to learn key skills while their brains are still rapidly developing. This screening should be available to all children
Kelly Durant	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	My kids with Dyslexia deserve it!!!!
Katy O'sullivan	Grafton, MA	2016-06-29	Early screening could have saved my son from years of heartache and thinking there was something "wrong" with him. His first 5 years of school were miserable and he then had to leave his friends to attend a specialized school because his reading level headed into 6th grade was that of a kindergartener. Help these kids early, before it becomes not just a reading issue but a mental health issue.
Jennifer Martin	Westborough, MA	2016-06-29	I am a Kindergarten teacher and a mother of a child with dyslexia.
Sarah Bishins	Brookline, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter is dyslexic and the hoops we had to go through to discover she was dyslexic was demoralizing and damaging to her self esteem!
Cathleen Hayes	Burlington, MA	2016-06-29	Please help, every child deserves the opportunity to learn...

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Pam Stad	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	My son is dyslexic. He was diagnosed going into 5th grade. Earlier intervention with the the right methods would have eliminated years of self doubt and unnecessary low self esteem. Please help younger kids.
Joanne Vasily-Cioffi	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because being the mother of two dyslexic children who have not been able to receive an appropriate education in MA public schools opened my eyes to the fact that these children are being systematically ignored across the state. MA needs to teach these intelligent, creative, hard-working children how to read and write so that they can lead happy, healthy, productive lives. Dyslexia is a learning difference that can be scientifically identified and there are scientifically proven ways to effectively teach them the skills that their peers are acquiring in a different way. Why are our schools not doing this? The answer cannot be \$ because it is so much more expensive for school districts, and ultimately society, to support these children under the "wait to fail" model. There really is no valid reason not to help the 1 in 5 children with dyslexia in MA. Please lend you support to this legislation.
Lisa Downing	CAMBRIDGE, MA	2016-06-29	Our district won't do more for our dyslexic children unless they are required to. My son has been failed by the current system and suffers greatly for it.
Elaine Ritter	Marlborough, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing because early detection would have been extremely helpful for my two boys that are dyslexic. I am from Marlborough and our schools need early screenings!
cheri bishop	Lynn, MA	2016-06-29	No child left behind I am told. I know a beautiful little boy who struggles with dyslexia. These children are our future lets show them we care.
Janet Wright	Wenham, MA	2016-06-29	My son was diagnosed with dyslexia (along with processing and Execitive functioning deficits) in the 3d grade and the Hamilton Wenham district was unable to help him. As a result, he was outplaced in the 4th grade, away from his neighborhood and friends. Although he found academic success it was a difficult (to say the least) process. Dyslexia is not a "new" LD and all our schools should have teachers who can correctly identify dyslexia and teach our children.
Tony Maxner	Jefferson, MA	2016-06-29	My son has dyslexia. He fell through the cracks like every other child until my wife and I finally got him into an appropriate school that specializes in teaching children with dyslexia. WOW! what an improvement in his ability. A child should not have to struggle to learn when all that is needed is the appropriate techniques to teach them. Legislation needs to be passed so that all children with dyslexia can thrive in the educational process.
terry jennings	South Hamilton, MA	2016-06-29	20%of the American population has LBLD-Dyslexia; all children have a right to fulfill his potential by means of an appropriate education

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Ashley Bedsole	Ipswich, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing this because I was one of those student's that got brushed aside, and the school system didn't seem to care enough to help me. I didn't learn how to read until I was in the 4th grade when at the end of the 3rd grade when my teacher caught on. From then on the teachers always thought I should have done better than I was doing because my mother was a teacher in the school system. In the 9th grade they had me in all honors classes until I failed every single class. (there's way more to the story) I had to end up taking college classes with a lot of help to catch up and graduate with my class. Every year I was tested, every year I NEVER got the label of Dyslexia because the school system didn't want to pay for it. When I finally graduated I graduated in the bottom percent of my class. I never got the help I needed, and never learned close to anything I could have learned while in the Ipswich School systems. When I was 19 I went to the school to get my transcripts, they said that my mother must have picked them up and I looked at them and said "That's funny because I am pretty sure that's against the law" I have never seen someone turn that shade of white before. Sadly my aunt who works at Triton in the special education department says that it happens all the time. I don't want any other kid to suffer the way that I did in Ipswich Public Schools
Tracey Waszkelewicz	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	My son has dyslexia and getting him help at school has been an uphill battle! They refuse to acknowledge his diagnosis because he's 'making progress'!
Teresa Cushing	Canton, MA	2016-06-29	I have a grandson who was finally diagnosed with dyslexia in middle school and is now in a school that caters to his needs and he is now flourishing instead of floundering. If his reading disability had been diagnosed earlier, those early years of learning would have been more successful and stress-free. Please sign this petition to help identify those kids early on who have dyslexia.
Ron Haislip-Hansberry	Wilbraham, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter and many many other children and adults are affected by this. It needs your attention now.
Jane Bistany	Methuen, MA	2016-06-29	I'm a teacher and know firsthand how important this legislation is. We must help children succeed!
Cantor Rosalie Toubes	Peabody, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because all children like my dyslexic son deserve early screening and the correctly trained instructors in school.
Donald McCormack	North Dartmouth, MA	2016-06-29	it's the right thing to do
Bridget Carpenter	Milton, MA	2016-06-29	Early detection of dyslexia is so important! Had this been in place when my son was young it would have saved him from years of frustration, sadness, low self esteem and thinking he was dumb. Every school system should be dedicated to making sure EVERY child can read! We have the tools for early detection and the strategies to help children with dyslexia be successful readers....why wouldn't we use them??!???
Sue Deputy	Wilbraham, MA	2016-06-29	I am a teacher.
Mary Ann Smith	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	I live in Acton and when my daughter was diagnosed with dyslexia, RJ Grey JHS told me that "dyslexia is not a diagnosis." She got NOTHING from the school district. You have to stop this !
Lauren Annarelli	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter is dyslexic
Page Kolligian	Dover, MA	2016-06-29	This is a must! Think of the money the schools would save if they caught early and remediated. I live in Dover MA. Being one of the best schools in the state, we wouldn't let our top students have just an appropriate education, we would expect the best. We need to adopt the same criteria for our children with dyslexia!
Mom Emerson	Danvers, MA	2016-06-29	I suffer from Dyslexia and I wish I had known when I was in school. It would have made an enormous difference in my education.

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David Chupka	Douglas, MA	2016-06-29	It just makes sense for the public school system
Kerri Schaub	Rockport, MA	2016-06-29	I am a reading specialist and I have witnessed the power and success that comes from early intervention using a multi-sensory, prescriptive and diagnostic method (Orton-Gillingham). I am also the mother of a dyslexic child who benefited from a private school, The Carroll School, to succeed. He is now a rising Junior at Boston College. However, not all students have the opportunity to attend such schools. As a public educator and a trained O-G practitioner, I am able to give all of my dyslexic learners the opportunity to engage in a literate world and to achieve their dreams!
Melissa Davis	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	I have three children with dyslexia (and a husband) and have been forced to fight for every service for them in public schools. It shouldn't be that way. MA is a leader in public education but a failure to its children with dyslexia.
Nancy Mccarthy	Milton, MA	2016-06-29	I am a prekindergarten teacher with 45 years of experience. I understand the heartache and frustration children and their parents feel as the struggle to decipher letters and numbers begins. Thank you for your support
Sharon Levine	Sudbury, MA	2016-06-29	I have a child with dyslexia!
Kathryn Richardson	Stow, MA	2016-06-29	My son (and husband) both have dyslexia. Further action is needed.
Patricia Pierro Carmody	Sheffield, MA	2016-06-29	I am passionate about the prevention of reading disabilities and the understanding of dyslexia
Katherine Furtado	Acushnet, MA	2016-06-29	I work at a school for children with dyslexia.
Phoebe Adams	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-29	"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men. " - Frederick Douglass
Gina DiVito	Everett, MA	2016-06-29	I am a teacher.
Ann Brzys	Westfield, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because I work as an educator/teacher for. Springfield public schools. In my role as a professional reading specialist, I have worked testing students grade K through early college. There needs to be awareness for dyslexia, Early screening would recognize dyslexia and would provide necessary reading services for the student. What a difference it would make for the student. In England and Ireland there is early screening for dyslexia. In England and Ireland there is early screening for dyslexia. I will take any necessary training. Please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kerri Sullivan	Winchester, MA	2016-06-29	My son has dyslexia. He was not diagnosed within the public school system. We were told he was immature and should be held back. After seeking costly private testing, we were able to receive a diagnosis of dyslexia. The school still did not want to accept the fact he needed additional support. Our family was faced with hiring and advocate and obtaining private tutors. I cannot imagine how many other children and families are not receiving appropriate services. Please support these children.
Susan Moyse	Marshfield, MA	2016-06-29	As an advocate, I see kids with dyslexia struggle in our schools everyday. It doesn't matter if schools are ranked highly or not. Educators in Massachusetts do not have the training they require to support children who struggle to learn to read. Please help change this damaging dynamic so all our children can learn to read proficiently. Thank you. Susan Moyse
Steven Greez	South Easton, MA	2016-06-29	Extremely important issue
Kate Goldlust	Wakefield, MA	2016-06-29	Screening and school based supports need to happen at a much earlier age. Don't wait for children to fail.

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Jennifer Harris	Belchertown, MA	2016-06-29	<p>As a special education lead teacher for my school, resident of Belchertown, small business owner, certified reading specialist and a supervising practitioner of Orton-Gillingham trainees, this campaign is critical for our young elementary students. We are currently doing them a disservice by not using what data we already have regarding their phonological abilities as well as rapid naming skills. Please reach out to gain understanding on these topics. We have the ability to make a great change with new policy for our children.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Jennifer Harris</p>
Dawn Palma	Northborough, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing because my 11 year old son has double deficit dyslexia
Natalie Begin	Hanover, MA	2016-06-29	Because it is the right thing to do...!!
Harry Clow	Walpole, MA	2016-06-29	I believe schools should be testing for all learning disabilities, especially those affecting a child's ability to read.
Greg MacInnis	South Easton, MA	2016-06-29	It is critical for teachers to be a large part of the first line of defense for children affected with dyslexia!
Rebecca Brogna	Lunenburg, MA	2016-06-29	I am the parent of a child with Dyslexia and have watched him struggle through the school systems that are not equipped to help students with Dyslexia. I am also a Language Based Special Education Teacher in Massachusetts, dedicated to helping children and their families overcome the challenges they are facing.
Katherine Gaudet	Mattapoissett, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing this to ensure that teachers get the training they need to identify children with dyslexia EARLY! If dyslexics get the early intervention they need, they will succeed!
Veronica Pierni	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing because I believe very strongly that early detection of dyslexia is absolutely critical for children's ultimate success. A child who goes undiagnosed not only does not receive the proper educational support, but it absolutely impacts them from a confidence perspective, socially and emotionally.
Heather Ahern	Weston, MA	2016-06-29	I am dyslexic as is my son. I also teach students with dyslexia and see the damage done to children when they are not identified early. early intervention makes a significant difference for children with dyslexia and we can identify students early!
Sonya Bradford	Dartmouth, MA	2016-06-29	Many children go undiagnosed with Dyslexia. This leads to low self esteem, and it limits the potential of very bright children. Children with dyslexia have the same cognitive potential as regular learners (and in many cases are extremely intelligent) , but often struggle to succeed due to their learning difference. Please make their educational experience a positive one right from the beginning with proper screening!
Kathleen Spear-Alfonso	Northborough, MA	2016-06-29	1 in 5 kids have Dyslexia. Get this done.
Patricia harris	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	dear family member has this and early intervention would have helped
Jayne Miller	Tewksbury, MA	2016-06-29	As a parent of a child with significant dyslexia and a former school committee member, I know exactly how hard it is for students with language based learning disabilities to get the instruction and services they need to progress in reading. Our students can no longer wait. Its time for Beacon Hill to pass this legislation.

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Ann Maury	Nantucket, MA	2016-06-29	I teach children with dyslexia and see the struggles they have, when diagnosed after they fail repeatedly as students. I have also worked with dyslexics who were diagnosed earlier and witnessed the difference in achievement and overall self-esteem when these students receive the instruction they need at an early age! New research shows that early diagnosis and appropriate intensive multi-sensory instruction can prevent failure. Why wait for these students to fail, when we can prevent the emotional turmoil they will experience without early specialized reading instruction designed to address their specific learning challenges. Please support our children.
Patrick Fennelly	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	This is something that we need to do to help students with dyslexia reach their full potential
Laura Deneen	Grafton, MA	2016-06-29	Because it should be done.....
Virginia Ryan	Quincy, MA	2016-06-29	my brother has dyslexia and has been encountering problems all his life.
Rachel Bullock	Westfield, MA	2016-06-29	Both my children are dyslexic, my son wasn't diagnosed till the 3rd grade. His anxiety about school was throughout the roof once we found out how to teach him things turned around but 4th and 5th grade were very difficult years for him. Having an early diagnosis would not have ruined his self esteem.
Elaine Gorman	Whitinsville, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing this for my grandson who deals with severe dyslexia on a daily basis . He is lucky enough to have supportive parents. He has to drive 90 minutes to school in order to benefit from the education offered to him for children who suffer from the same learning disability
Anderli Lawrence	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Early screen is crucial to our children's success. We need to do what we can
Ruth Reeve	Northborough, MA	2016-06-29	I have 2 6th grade boys with dyslexia diagnosis, who read at least 2/3 grades below. Delayed diagnosis a big part of the problem.
Eleanor Calisi	Easton, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because I have witnessed some children struggling to read and often wonder if they may have dyslexia. The children are not under my care. I was hopeful that they would be helped in school. As several months have passed, I have seen no improvement with these children. Please help them!
Melissa Nattinville	Shrewsbury, MA	2016-06-29	My son has dyslexia, and he struggled throughout his years of K-12 education. There has been a great lack of understanding about this common learning difference.
Heather Dailey	Hanover, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter has dyslexia.
Melinda Richardson	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	For a state that prides themselves in being a leader in education, we are woefully behind in addressing language based learning disabilities.
Kathy Rowe	Westwood, MA	2016-06-29	I want to!
Jeffrey Muir	South Easton, MA	2016-06-29	I believe early testing for dyslexia is important to helping get children the resources they need to succeed
Julie Bertram	Merrimac, MA	2016-06-29	I am an Orton-Gillingham trained reading tutor and have spent 20 years in the field of language and literacy. Research continues to show that early intervention is the best way to identify those children at risk for developing serious reading difficulties because of deficits in phonological processing and rapid naming. We have come so far in identifying these children. Let's take the final step and institute early screening for all Bay State children. Thank you for you careful consideration.
caitlin mavilia	cohasset, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because the importance of earlier screening which has deeply affected members of my family and friends.
Carl Shimer	Westborough, MA	2016-06-29	My child is currently being diagnosed for dyslexia and the school support is not strong

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Hope Recupero	Hanover, MA	2016-06-29	This is essential!
Heather Brennan	North Grafton, MA	2016-06-29	I live in Grafton, MA and my son struggled for years without the appropriate help for his dyslexia despite our best efforts at private & in school tutoring. Many of the teachers were so ill equipped to help him. It was a very difficult process. Please... Make helping people with dyslexia a priority in Massachusetts.
Christina SPARGO	North Billerica, MA	2016-06-29	I'm a teacher & a parent.
Nancy Rose Steinbock	Venice, Italy	2016-06-29	I am an SLP and have seen the consequences of slow identification and (ineffective) or late treatment of language disorders that often result in academic failure. ALL learners deserve equal learning opportunity to thrive and become productive members of society and to FEEL GOOD about themselves as learners.
Kevin Tobin	Williamsburg, MA	2016-06-29	I am a clinical and school psychologist who works for Pittsfield Public Schools and has assessed dyslexia and attempted to implement prevention and intervention for this problem for more that 25 years. Nevertheless because screening is limited and accurate understanding of this condition is woefully inadequate among educators and even school psychologists many children do not receive timely and effective instruction. This leads to a host of secondary academic and behavior problems in school. I see the problem almost every day. I complain an petition my administration repeatedly but the status quo persists because it appears easier. Having followed students over many years I can tell you the stress and economic costs do not go away. I recently assessed a 8th grade boy at a DYS facility who was dyslexic. It costs more than \$13,500 per year to "educate" him. If he "graduates" to an adult correctional facility it will cost more than \$50,000. I have another student with dyslexia who hired an advocate and fought the school. He will be attending a private school that treats dyslexia in Western Mass at a cost of \$60,000. Once again this could have been prevented. This happens to thousands of students year after year. This is the largest group receiving special education services and the services they receive are ineffective. We know from many sources that the achievement gap in special education has not narrowed despite enormous cost. The proposed bill is a necessary but not sufficient step to begin to address this slow moving crisis. When will politicians stop listening to people with narrow special interests or vested interest in keeping DESE bureaucrats preening their own feathers!
Julie Santos	Billerica, MA	2016-06-29	As an educator, it's imperative children are screened as soon as possible for any reading difficulty at the earliest age possible.
Erin Rich	W Newbury, MA	2016-06-29	I am a mother of two children with dyslexia and a public school educator. I know first hand the long term impact of undiagnosed and unremediated dyslexia. Please support early identification and evidence based reading interventions so that ALL Massachusetts children can learn to read.
Tim Brainerd	Natick, MA	2016-06-29	Help keep these different learners on the rising path....not shunted into being low-growth students with a depressing and costly future.
Nancy Ferguson	Malden, MA	2016-06-29	I know how deeply dyslexia can impact learning. I have a family member with dyslexia and I am an educator specialized in reading instruction.

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Helga Marr	Rockport, MA	2016-06-29	I have two children with a diagnosis of dyslexia. Our school district did nothing in the way of identifying my childrens' needs. If their learning disability had been identified (instead of explained away and ignored) my children would have had the necessary interventions at an earlier age. Science proves that the earlier the intervention, the better the results. All of our kids deserve the best chance we can give them to succeed, and that means earlier identification of a need for specific instruction.
Bonnie Polakoff	Concord, MA	2016-06-29	As an educational advocate, I see too many kids who are left behind in reading because proven reading interventions aren't used. This can be easily corrected if schools had to test for and then implement proven programs that work for kids with dyslexia to teach them to read. Please sign H4406 so that no child in MA is left behind in reading due to dyslexia.
Sheri Costa	East Taunton, MA	2016-06-29	More needs to be done for children with a dyslexia diagnosis !!!
Heather Pierce	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-29	My son has dyslexia and I wish I'd known sooner
Gabriele Heale	North Grafton, MA	2016-06-29	My granddaughters have dyslexia and are not getting the proper help in the school system.
Jeanine-Susan Freimont	Sudbury, MA	2016-06-29	Honoring my son who lives and struggles with Dyslexia. As parents we had to become strong advocates and produce expensive outside testing before we could get the appropriate help for him.
Jessie Bowen	Wellesley, MA	2016-06-29	It's something that could improve the lives of many people with a reasonable assessment early in a child's educational journey. Of course it's worth it.
krys Streeter-Tarlow	Concord, MA	2016-06-29	Early help is critical for success.
Karen Pearson	Winchester, MA	2016-06-29	I have two sons that have been diagnosed with dyslexia. One is off to college in the fall and my younger son is still in high school. I had to have them diagnosed outside of school which took years and a lot of lost time I learning. Dyslexia is real and has many levels. I was told by their teachers that they were displaying typical letter transposition.
kay criag	belmont, MA	2016-06-29	2 kids and extended family are dyslexic. Remediation is the key to preventing drug/alcohol abuse, lowering depression, keeping them out of jail and off welfare.
nancy johnstone-rafuse	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	my daughter has dyscalculia and i can not get the help she needs in the public school system. she is going into 8th grade and currently has the math skills of a 3rd grader.
Lorraine Egan	Medfield, MA	2016-06-29	These kids need help! . . .
Rick Patch	North Attleborough, MA	2016-06-29	I am an educator and support the cause.

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Elizabeth Krol	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	My son was vastly mistreated in the public schools of Acton, MA. We raised our concerns about his being dyslexic in kindergarten and they repeatedly denied that he was dyslexic, eventually wrongly telling us he had ADHD (which he did not per his pediatrician and other professionals, and the school staff are not qualified to diagnose). They also told us that he was of "average" intellect and his output was average and that was all we should expect. In fact, multiple neurological, speech and language, and other educational assessments have confirmed that Michael is both gifted and dyslexic. They wasted years of his life, embarrassed him with "pull out" services with inappropriate peers with vastly different profiles, who repeatedly and intensely bullied him. It was exceedingly damaging to his self esteem and he lost at least 7 years of his childhood and his education in the school's labyrinth of deception. We are so grateful to the Landmark School for saving his life. Now he is at the top of his class, receiving multiple awards and recognition for his progress. Early screening and intervention by professionals who are trained and encouraged to help students...rather than hide their disabilities...would save other children from this terrible experience. No child should suffer as our son has suffered just to learn how to read and access an education. Massachusetts, and Acton-Boxborough schools, are supposed to be among the best in the United States, and yet, they failed our child and many others on a colossal scale. It's shameful. We can do better for our children.
Peggy McNeff	Enfield, CT	2016-06-29	It's time that dyslexia is faced head on. As teachers, we cannot help what we don't know about. I work in Wilbraham, Massachusetts.
Karen M Duperey	Lexington, MA	2016-06-29	I believe that the earlier a child is diagnosed with dyslexia and given the tools he/she needs to read, the better a child will develop - intellectually, socially, educationally, and with self esteem intact. Diagnosing and treating the child when the child and the problem is small will also save resources in the long run - mentally, emotionally, financially.
Wendy Madden	Boxford, MA	2016-06-29	Two children w/dyslexia. MANY years of learning to advocate, etc.
heather doyle	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Our public school could not address accommodate our daughters dia
Janeane Pennucci	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because my sister is going thru hell with my niece and the Wilmington Ma school system. They are just pushing my niece thru each grade and not assisting her at all! So sad
Kathleen Bates	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Friends and family will benefit!
Tricia Elbl	Natick, MA	2016-06-29	3 kids with dyslexia, early intervention is key!
heather doyle	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Landmark high school graduates 75 seniors each year (globally). What about all the other kids. We have a recipe. Don't make it so hard, these regs move us faster, effective approaches.
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Lisa Brooks	Watertown, MA	2016-06-29	I consult in public schools and I see many struggling students whose weaknesses could have been addressed in early grades.
Jill Bercovitch-Blake	Somerset, MA	2016-06-29	Because we need to say DYSLEXIA!!
Catherine LePage	Somerset, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing this because my brother and father have dyslexia.
Jessie Beerman	Dighton, MA	2016-06-29	I'm a teacher, and a mother to a dyslexic child. It's time, Massachusetts!
Sarah Fennelly	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	I am a reading teacher and this would help students get the help they need

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Pamela Marshall	Stow, MA	2016-06-29	Signing for my son with dyslexia. School needs to recognize disorder/diagnosis and allow students proper support. Stop wait to fail!
Jeanette Raso	Medford, MA	2016-06-29	I have seen what can be done to help someone with Dyslexia once it is properly diagnosed! This bill will help make a difference and help the children of the future.
Donna Fosberry	Groton, MA	2016-06-29	my child was diagnosed with dyslexia only after I paid for a neuropsych evaluation noticing something wasn't right. 1st and 2nd grade teachers said just wait..she may grow out of it..or if not then the school will address it when she's not meeting benchmark. She's had a privately paid tutor trained for dyslexia for a year and she's jumped 3 grade levels in reading. We need to do more for these children then just wait for them to fail.
Annette Flaherty	Southborough, MA	2016-06-29	I have seen where so many kids in early elementary are struggling, but not getting help even as the class starts to move from learning to read to reading to learn. Even if children are identified, the parents are not being told that it is dyslexia and therefore can't research what their child really needs. Besides, the poor academic start, the kids are so sad and frustrated. Let's make this happen and change lives for the better!
Carrie Hogan	Grafton, MA	2016-06-29	We need to provide appropriate support to children with dyslexia and their families.
Krystal Solimine	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I want to see this identified earlier.
Katie Sullivan	Swampscott, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing this because EVERY YEAR since my dyslexic son entered the school system at AGE THREE we were told (despite 3 visits to a Neuropsychologist and teachers/specialist suggesting Dyslexia was a possibility), "let's wait and watch". This is NOT a cost effective measure for the district and the state and more importantly, it has lead my HIGHLY intelligent son to believe he is not smart. He is going into 4th grade, and the district is finally taking notice. FAR TOO LATE!
Kara Bosco	Dighton, MA	2016-06-29	My son is dyslexic and I am also a Kindergarten teacher
lucie chansky	newton centre, Anguilla	2016-06-29	Public schools are not providing trained teachers to improve the reading skills of students with dyslexia.
Robyn Yannone	Lynnfield, MA	2016-06-29	I have a child with dyslexia and support this petition.
Gloria Ladd	Tewksbury, MA	2016-06-29	Of my love of reading. No child should have to be frustrated in school in life in general if there is a predictor for dyslexia.
Kandie Hale	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter was diagnosed in 7th grade - only after we private paid for a neuro psych evaluation. Was still denied services, because she was "average". This eventual resulted in an anxiety disorder, making school unbearable. Please don't let this happen to any other child!!
Corinne Hogseth	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	Although my kids aren't dyslexic, I've been shocked to hear from several friends that our school system "doesn't recognize dyslexia as a diagnosis." How are they allowed to choose?!! I know many families who've enrolled their children out of district at GREAT expense, a significant financial hardship for many. It's outrageous that our schools, which are legally obligated to provide a "free and appropriate education" ignores this many children.
Catherine Kane	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-29	Parents should not have to fight to get what their child or children need.
susan robinson	Tyngsboro, MA	2016-06-29	Pls help .. Because our children deserve more .. They are smart .. Intelligent .. But just learn differently !!!!
Jennifer Traverso	Townsend, MA	2016-06-29	I work with students that are dyslexic and need this support.
Samantha Beard	Natick, MA	2016-06-29	Learning to read should be for all students. Parents should not have to fight for a skill that is needed by all in order to be successful students.

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Danielle Manning	Worcester, MA	2016-06-29	For my nephew
Jennifer Ash	Weston, MA	2016-06-29	It is critical that all kids get the support they need to learn and thrive in school and life.
Patricia Gillis	Cohasset, MA	2016-06-29	My son is dyslexic and he was misdiagnosed. He could have done so much better academically and socially. He would have had so much more confidence.
elizabeth noonan	acton, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter is dyslexic and suffered great distress over being marginalized because of her dyslexia.
kirstin kilroy	south walpole, MA	2016-06-29	My daughters have dyslexia and it is not a condition to qualify for an IEP which is rather disgraceful. It's not even listed as a learning disability on an IEP
Tom Atkinson	Wellesley, MA	2016-06-29	I know several adults and children with dyslexia, who would have benefited from early detection and treatment, which is not always available.
Joan Craig	Belmont, MA	2016-06-29	Both my niece and nephew have this and has really effected their learning.
Marie Felzani	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-29	Every child should feel confident, smart and cared for when they go to school. Early intervention is key.
Michael Krol	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	As a member of the same Massachusetts Teachers Association union, I am disappointed with how badly the K-12 public education system has become. The budgets are always increasing with little to no benefit for students who truly need it.
KATHRYN YOUNG	Carver, MA	2016-06-29	I have a gifted dyslexic daughter whom I will be driving 3 hours a day to bring to a private school while I fight with public schools to get them to acknowledge she is not getting what she needs.
Lisa West	Methuen, MA	2016-06-29	My school district does very little to help children with learning disabilities. It took me two years to get my son on an IEP. Still, he is falling behind and struges every day. I was told they cannot test for dyslexia and even if they could, they are not equipped to help. Pathetic
Adi Marciello	Needham Heights, MA	2016-06-29	My nephew has dyslexia!
Dawn Shea	Andover, MA	2016-06-29	Children with dyslexia should not have to "wait to fail" to get the help they need.
Kathleen Russell	Oxford, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because early diagnosis and early intervention are essential to meeting the needs of dyslexic students.
Krista Niles	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing this because my nephew has dyslexia.
Julie Cali	Melrose, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter matters!
Kim Caisse	Westminster, MA	2016-06-29	One of my children, who turned 10 in March, was diagnosed with dyslexia in May. Screening in kindergarten or 1st grade would have caught her reading disability and provided her with the help she needed to master reading. But her school waited for her to fail in 2nd grade and 3rd grade before screening her for learning disabilities. The school will only label her learning challenges as "specific learning disabilities." State education policy must recognize dyslexia by name as a learning disability for schools to do the right thing by children in my daughter's situation. Massachusetts should be leading the country on this issue. It's long overdue. This bill is a baby step in the right direction.
Richard Krol	Oyster Bay, NY	2016-06-29	Because of the bullshit my nephew had to go through.
Elizabeth Freeman	Wakefield, MA	2016-06-29	As a retired teacher, I would see students struggling all the way to 5th grade not receiving specialized help for one reason or another. I know students today that are not getting specialized help even with a dyslexia diagnosis. Reading is too important for academic and emotional growth to have kids wait.

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Justine Musto	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	Having 2 children with dyslexia it is of the upmost importance to have it diagnosed early on. It is the only way to give these kids the same opportunities as any other child.
John Gallinagh	Westborough, MA	2016-06-29	My grandson suffers from dyslexia
Georgianne D'Agrosa Aquino	Boston, MA	2016-06-29	Early detection is key!
Cheryl Authelet	Cumberland, RI	2016-06-29	My daughter is dyslexic
Karen Souza	Fairhaven, MA	2016-06-29	I am a retired school psychologist who believes that this legislation is needed to ensure that students with dyslexia will receive research based instruction from teachers who are informed and qualified to address their unique learning challenges.
Jennifer Kelly	Brookfield, WI	2016-06-29	Learning to read is a basic right of every child, let's make a special education effective by using scientifically proven methods that have demonstrated success over time successfully
Katie Ollmann	North Quincy, MA	2016-06-29	I have 2 kids with dyslexia and wish they had early screening. They are now in middle school.
Kim Wiitala	Billerica, MA	2016-06-29	2 of my 3 children have Dyslexia.
Jane Bolinsky	Stow, MA	2016-06-29	It's important for those children who struggle with this condition
John Healy	Merrimac, MA	2016-06-29	I care
Cath Ignagni	Quincy, MA	2016-06-29	C
N Locher	any city, MA	2016-06-29	Lexington, MA
Mary Bradley	Belmont, MA	2016-06-29	Someone I love has dyslexia. She is absolutely brilliant and is terribly failed by her top notch public school. Without knowledgeable parents and hard won community support, she would be devastated. Most of the children 10-20% of all children with dyslexia are not as fortunate as she. This is a huge societal failure.
Theresa Maggiore	Medford, MA	2016-06-29	Every child needs to learn to read by third grade so they can read to learn. As a teacher I see far too many children reach middle and high school that cannot read at a third grade level. This is shameful.
Susan Keaney	Foxborough, MA	2016-06-29	I have a husband and son with dyslexia. My husband was lucky enough to be diagnosed early. The difference between him (diagnosed in Kindergarten) and his brother (diagnosed in 4th grade) is huge.  For my son, we did get the diagnosis in 1st grade but only because we paid for private testing out of our own pocket. It was a struggle but something we felt was important. We were lucky enough, with family support, to be able to do so. Not all people are so lucky. Even with the early diagnosis, it has been a fight to get needed services. Finishing 4th grade, my son is two years behind his peers.  We need early diagnosis and education for the teachers in public schools!
Eugenia Doncov	Sudbury, MA	2016-06-29	I've taught high school for almost 20 years and see students who show clear signs of dyslexia and receive no services. We must pass this law!
Martha Vaananen	Wayland, MA	2016-06-29	Even in towns with highly ranked school systems and dedicated teachers, students with dyslexia are not being diagnosed and receiving the proven forms of help that they need at an early enough age - an age that would make a true difference during their elementary years.

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diane goldenberg	Marblehead, MA	2016-06-29	Testing must begin early in order to preserve the child's self esteem. Do not wait for the student to fail. Instead catch the child early and the returns in your investment will be great – 1. Psychologically healthy children 2. A subset of children that might not hate school as a result of being educationally challenged 3. A reduced dropout rate in this subset 4. Less intensive remediation down the road 5. School graduates who will be employable and able to pay taxes 6. Less crime and jail time, which is expensive, for this population. And lastly, it is the right thing to do.
Ashlea Mirsky	Shrewsbury, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because I have a child with dyslexia who didn't receive appropriate instruction until 5th grade. He continues to struggle as a high school student. Early intervention could have made a difference.
Marissa Deangelis	Medford, MA	2016-06-29	My son has dyslexia
Concetta Sardzinski	Billerica, MA	2016-06-29	Students need to be identified early and helped. Currently, students are needlessly left to struggle while the gap between them and their peers continues to grow. Dyslexia support received in later school years is not as effective as it is in younger years.
Santam Kandola	Northborough, MA	2016-06-29	Our kids need this!
Julianne Taylor-Ruggiero	Groton, MA	2016-06-29	I have family members and students affected by dyslexia, and it could have been diagnosed sooner.
Jessica Sullivan	Melrose, MA	2016-06-29	Signing for my daughter was not diagnosed until the end of second grade, even though I began questioning it in kindergarten. (I was told she was too young)
Janet Davis	Tewksbury, MA	2016-06-29	I'm a teacher and see the need and importance for this screening.
MaryAnn McCabe	Newton, MA	2016-06-29	I'm signing because I have a daughter who is dyslexic and early identification was done privately. The school system would not label her as dyslexic at age 6 even though the science is there to support it.
Kirstin Lynch	Acton, MA	2016-06-29	My child is dyslexic and I needed to move him to a private school that specializes in dyslexia in order for him to receive the services he needed. We were losing him already in 1st grade and the public school couldn't offer anything but pull-out services. We need to start someplace and this is reasonable place to begin the education of our public school teachers and educators.
Melissa Loura	Newtonville, MA	2016-06-29	"Let's wait and see..." "Have her practice reading over summer .." This feedback from well intentioned but misinformed teachers delayed more timely intervention for my daughter. Delaying and "wait and see" are tactics that cost more money and more agony for student over time and are outdated according to science and new tools for screening at our disposal
Margaret Stewart	Randolph, MA	2016-06-29	I teach adult literacy. My students all show signs of dyslexia. None of them had any help while in elementary school. They set goals like "I want to know what I'm signing" and "I want to know which are the regular old Ritz Crackers". They tell me "I never had a job that paid more than minimum wage." It is a crippling problem that can be overcome with the right intervention. It makes so much more sense to have that intervention in the third grade.
Roxana Copeland	Framingham, MA	2016-06-29	Early intervention.
Sharon Syme	North Andover, MA	2016-06-29	I think early screening is important and will make a difference in these kids who are struggling.
Donna Fils-Aime	Waltham, MA	2016-06-29	I am an educator and a parent.

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Deborah Olsen	Dorchester, MA	2016-06-29	My daughter, Maeve, was diagnosed in Feb if 5th grade! We were always told she needs to read more & she'll be fine. Since being diagnosed she she thriving using rules based reading program - Wilson. Please sign this bill!!! Early is better!! Sincerely, Deb Olsen
Ciara Southwick	Hamilton, MA	2016-06-29	I have dyslexia and I had a hard time in school and I want the younger generation to not go through the things that I had to.
Susan Steele	Shrewsbury, MA	2016-06-29	There are far too many school districts in Massachusetts that see extended educational services as a burden because of cost. To that I say rubbish.
Stacie Muscarella	Melrose, MA	2016-06-29	I am a special education teacher and I support my students who struggle to learn how to read!! We need more staffing and resources to help these kiddos!
Kimberly Daly	Dorchester, MA	2016-06-29	Im a teacher and we need to do everything we can for struggling readers!
Kathleen Makros	Salem, MA	2016-06-29	I have raised a dyslexic child, and spent thousands on tutoring, tuition, and lawyers to get her help. It wasted valuable years of her childhood, because Massachusetts pretends it doesn't exist, so they don't have to spend money getting your child the help they are entitled to by law.
Colleen Flaherty	Watertown, MA	2016-06-29	2 of my 3 siblings have it - not being diagnosed early made school hell for them
laura buonopane	andover, MA	2016-06-29	I have a child With dyslexia and strongly believe in this bill.
Jamie Shepard-Vient	Brewster, MA	2016-06-29	I am signing because I work in schools and with this early intervention in place we would see less reactive actions taken to help students with this learning difference. We can intervene and help promote a positive school experience for students with this learning difference and save many student's self esteem. Please sign this into law
Peggy Calvani	Reading, MA	2016-06-29	All the children who get denied services.
Lynne Gomes	Bellingham, MA	2016-06-29	My child shows signs of dyslexia and we should be able to have him tested.
Beth Carmichael	Grafton, MA	2016-06-29	Took us until our daughter was in 5th grade to final get the answers as to why she was still struggling to read. Thankful she had some very dedicat d teachers that knew something was going on and that she need to be tested further than they had done the previous year.
Michele Lee Shea	Brimfield, MA	2016-06-29	I have a child who is now almost 14 and he has totally fallen through the cracks of the school system. I now have to go the private route. We also have a 9 yr old who is dyslexic.
Ciara Schaub	San Diego, CA	2016-06-29	My brother has dyslexia and my mother is an Orton Gillingham fellow & reading specialist at a local public school.
Ellen Richman	Phoenix, AZ	2016-06-29	Dyslexic children deserve the opportunity for success like all other children. Success by six for all our schools and our future generations.. Ellen R. Quincy, MA
Leah Peper	South Easton, MA	2016-06-29	Because my son is dyslexic.
Sherry Ricupero	Saugus, MA	2016-06-29	Early intervention is important
Sarah Quatrale	Pembroke, MA	2016-06-29	I'm a teacher.
Christina Olson	West Roxbury, MA	2016-06-29	Dyslexia requires whole new teaching strategies, accomodations and individualized education plans.
Kerry Nee	Dorchester, MA	2016-06-29	My son was diagnosed in third grade if he wasn't tested he would have continued to struggle.

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Heather Lufkin	Farmington, CT	2016-06-29	As a special Ed teacher I have seen the life changing effects early intervention has to both the student and their family. It also is a considerable budget saver the earlier the services are delivered.
Shelly Outwater	Chelmsford, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because my daughter had to fail before anyone paid attention, even after I got an external diagnosis. My child should not have had this experience as educators stood by and did nothing. She deserves more; all children deserve more.
P Linzer	Andover, MA	2016-06-30	This is so important and all research and evidenced based. Let's be leaders.
Angela D'Amico	Quincy, MA	2016-06-30	Please help our children in need
Jeff Conrad	Franklin, MA	2016-06-30	My son is dyslexic and we went through hell trying to figure out why he was behind other kids in his grade. Luckily my wife was very persistent and had a teacher friend who pointed us in the right direction. Now my son is in the appropriate school getting the teaching he needs, but at a tremendous cost to our local school system (FAPE). If his dyslexia was diagnosed and remediated earlier, he might have been able to stay in our local school system at a great cost savings to the school.
Kate Clancy	Natick, MA	2016-06-30	I love my nephew
Adrienne Cummings	Woburn, MA	2016-06-30	This is way overdue. Help the children of our commonwealth to succeed!! Why wouldn't you? Many children struggle to read and have special ed as a result but if the real problem was identified early on and received the correct help they needed how positive an impact would that make in their future choices? Many grow up thinking they are just stupid. We owe these kids to provide everything we can to help them achieve their goals and dreams!
Esther Long	Rutland, MA	2016-06-30	I work with dyslexic children. The earlier they get help the better the outcome.
Robert Palma	Northborough, MA	2016-06-30	Early detection of my sons dyslexia would of got him the help he needed much sooner.
Lynne Dunn	Chelmsford, MA	2016-06-30	All children deserve the tools to help them read.
Dana Murray	Everett, MA	2016-06-30	I care about our children and believe in equity and support
Kristen Panagopoulos	Saugus, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because I am the parent of a child with dyslexia and dysgraphia. I was fortunate enough to get early screening, but not all parents are as fortunate as I am in terms of getting early screening.
Annette Bongiorno	Ashland, MA	2016-06-30	My son has dyslexia
Mary Ward	Wrentham, MA	2016-06-30	I am a special education teacher and early intervention with Wilson Language or Orton Gillingham programs is key for a child's success!
Julie Creamer	Milton, MA	2016-06-30	It is a travesty that children are not being screened when entering kindergarten. There is a short window to make a significant impact in remediating dyslexia. This is a known fact and should not be ignored. Reading at grade level is essential and should not be viewed as optional.
Sarah Perry	Groveland, MA	2016-06-30	Two, possibly 3, out of four of my children are dyslexic. At least twice a week, parents talk to me about their child struggling to read! We live in a country where waiting until a child fails is unacceptable. Unfortunately, this is status quo in our public schools. Please help give children a true opportunity to learn. This is something we can actually change and have the information to make it happen.
Whitney Gosselin	Methuen, MA	2016-06-30	Every child deserves the opportunity to be an independent learner and reach their fullest potential.

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Joan Loncich	Barnstable, MA	2016-06-30	I am a reading specialist in a middle school, working almost exclusively with students who have dyslexia. It's too late to learn foundational skills at this age. My students never catch up...they lack background knowledges and vocabulary. Both necessary components of comprehension. Age matters. Students can be identified at a very early age.lets stop crippling our kids!!!
Jean Diskin	Medford, MA	2016-06-30	My niece and nephew are Dyslexic
Lori Panther	Chestnut Hill, MA	2016-06-30	It's important to detect and support our kids' needs, so that they can enjoy the best learning environment!!
Ruth Levy	Marblehead, MA	2016-06-30	I teach dyslexic children. Screening early saves the school system money as well as the student's self esteem.
Deborah Kissinger	Mechanicsburg, PA	2016-06-30	My son, age 36 was diagnosed at 17, afterTHREE educational psychological evaluations in 10 years in 2 different public school systems. My grandson, Andrew (David's son) was diagnosed after fighting for 3 years with his school district in New Jersey! He is 10 and just finished 4th grade with all As!!!
Jennifer McDougall	Hopkinton, MA	2016-06-30	I have 2 dyslexic children
Theresa Malouf	Scituate, MA	2016-06-30	To help children with dyslexia.
Terri Bono	Concord, MA	2016-06-30	I have two girls with dyslexia. Early identification is critical to there success as a learner.
Bridget Crowley	Groveland, MA	2016-06-30	We can help children with dyslexia learn successful reading strategies earlier when we know they learn differently. It's not right to let them struggle unnecessarily when we can help.
Kara Dupill	South Easton, MA	2016-06-30	I have a daughter with dyslexia and I have seen her struggle. If she was tested early we could have gotten her the help she needed instead of watching her slip further and further behind. Early testing is a key factor in dyslexia. In can make a world of difference.
nancy devirgilio	lynn, MA	2016-06-30	Every child should be treated fairly regardless of their disability.
Tara Lech	Andover, MA	2016-06-30	i think all children should be screened for early intervention. The problem isn't that kids can't learn, the problem is that without the screening and proper tools we don't know how to teach them.
Amy Bisson	Lowell, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because, as a recently retired elementary teacher with close to 30 years experience, it is wrong that dyslexia is unrecognized as a causal factor in a child's difficulty learning to read. Sadly, without remediation these intelligent children are turned off from learning . This is something that needs to be fixed.
Liz Bardetti	Andover, MA	2016-06-30	Early screening helps kids succeed!
Krista Wood	Groveland, MA	2016-06-30	Dyslexia, sadly, is not considered a disability in schools and should be. No child should have to fall behind due to lack of necessities
Michaela Stewart	South Easton, MA	2016-06-30	Sean P is one of the best kids we've ever known so we offer our unwavering support! ☺
Kathleen McDonough	Woburn, MA	2016-06-30	All kids deserve the best chance we can give. And I love my cousins who are struggling with this every day.
Cindy Keane	north easton, MA	2016-06-30	My daughters have dyslexia and I believe everyone deserves to be tested early and get the help they need to love reading the way their peers do
Derek Gaultier	South Easton, MA	2016-06-30	Dyslexia is a major issue within our country's education system. He only hope a bill is only months away.....
Elliott Lucil	North Dartmouth, MA	2016-06-30	I have a child with dyslexia and am also a public school teacher. As a educator I am tired of the school system missing all of these kids and failing to address their learning difference.

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Lauren Bass	Easton, MA	2016-06-30	I teach dyslexic children to read
Joanne Queenan	Salisbury, MA	2016-06-30	I am a teacher and early detection is imperative. We wait too long for least restrictive environment. Teachers hands are often tied by administration.
Carissa Brady	Reading, MA	2016-06-30	My child is dyslexic and so much intervention could have been avoided if he was identified early!
Kim Peirce	Dracut, MA	2016-06-30	i am an educator
Cynthia Caliri	Litchfield, NH	2016-06-30	I am a special education teacher in Lowell, MA and my son has dyslexia.
Beth Mosier	Wakefield, MA	2016-06-30	Recognizing dyslexia and teaching somebody how to overcome the handicap makes a huge difference any persons ability to learn and succeed.
Christina Adam	Georgetown, MA	2016-06-30	My daughter is Dyslexic & it affects her schooling & social aspect because there's not enough understanding or assistance. I don't want my child to be a statistic. I want her to flourish w/ happiness.
Sarah Lacroix	Haverhill, MA	2016-06-30	I currently have a child with dyslexia and am a Wilson reading teacher. Early screening in school will stop the gap that dyslexic students face. Massachusetts and the education system needs to stop turning a blind eye on this issue. Dyslexia is 1 in 5 people. They account for the 20% not succeeding and often dropping out of school. The time to act is now!
Carol Clark	Sudbury, MA	2016-06-30	Early detection can only help children and save them from lots of complications that affect them socially and emotionally. More successful kids, happier classrooms and happier homes!
Ana Cruz	Lowell, MA	2016-06-30	Early intervention is crucial to learning. Every student needs the right start.
Michael Bucci	Braintree, MA	2016-06-30	Everyone deserves the best education possible.
Julie Daniels	Groveland, MA	2016-06-30	My daughter has dyslexia and was not diagnosed until the end of 5th grade. Early detection is key!!
Beth Chaput	Dracut, MA	2016-06-30	I am a certified OG instructor for kids with dyslexia!
Jackie Gigante	Reading, MA	2016-06-30	I know many of my friends who are battling with the schools and states too get the proper diagnosis and help their child needs!
Kim O'Hanlon	Woburn, MA	2016-06-30	I believe in early detection.
Greg Heath	Attleboro, MA	2016-06-30	No one should be short changed of an opportunity for a normal life when resources are available to allow correction.
Lori Earl	Quincy, MA	2016-06-30	My husband and 2 of my kids have had trouble in school. Screening is needed!
Thomas Walsh	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	No parents and child should have to go through what we did, to get the educational services they require to read.
Christopher Beal	Winter Garden, FL	2016-06-30	I have dyslexia
Margaret Hay	Canton, MA	2016-06-30	Early diagnosis and intervention are the keys to success. And success is good for everyone
Julie Kenny	Boston, MA	2016-06-30	It is crazy that the BPS does not test for dyslexia when doing an evaluation. So many kids are being losing precious time and years without early intervention. There needs to be more resources available to parents of kids with dyslexia.
Phillip Haislip-Hansberry	Wilbraham, MA	2016-06-30	I am the parent of a severe dyslexic that, though she was diagnosed early, continues to this day to make little progress because research-based methods aren't used with fidelity and dyslexia is still treated as any "generic" learning disability. We need the state with the highest education standards to insist these kids get the best access to education NOW. We need the laws to change. This is why I fight this battle -- for my daughter and the other 1 in 5 kids like her!!!

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Diane Taranto	Middletown, NJ	2016-06-30	The next generation of kids should not have to suffer in the way our dyslexic kids have.
margaret welch	West Bridgewater, MA	2016-06-30	My son has dyslexia
Jan Downing	Salisbury, MA	2016-06-30	I'm a retired Special Education teacher who witnessed the suffering of students who were undiagnosed until middle school and by then, they had just about given up.
Taryn Thompson	Billerica, MA	2016-06-30	I am a teacher and see firsthand the struggles students with disabilities go through.
laurie roux	lowell, MA	2016-06-30	Being a kindergarten teacher and former special education teacher I understand first hand the need for early identification and the benefits of early interventions!
Roberto Olivardia	Reading, MA	2016-06-30	As a parent of a dyslexic son and a psychologist who works with individuals with learning disabilities, we need this bill. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure ALL of our youth are properly educated. Having dyslexia is not inherently hazardous to one's mental and academic health. It is the LACK of proper identification and LACK of empirically proven reading interventions that cause the self esteem deficits, school phobia, depression, feeling of inadequacy and broken dreams. We MUST change this. Roberto Olivardia, Ph.D. Reading, MA
Maryanne Healey	Weymouth, MA	2016-06-30	Long overdue - too many individuals have struggled for too many years - its about time the educational system recognizes this and other learning disabilities!
Alexandra Hewer	Lincoln, MA	2016-06-30	Unrecognized dyslexia and untreated dyslexia disfigure lives.
Mary Moore	Charlestown, MA	2016-06-30	I'm a retired teacher who saw too many students fail to get remediation like Orton-Gillingham or Wilson methods. There needs to be teacher training for these techniques and the diagnosis of dyslexia needs to be used in assessments and iep's.
Jennifer Rivers	Sidney, NY	2016-06-30	The lack of proper testing has hurt a friend's child. He cannot get back the years he has missed and was bullied because he was misunderstood. This has to change.
Davd Howard	Berkley, MA	2016-06-30	I can't believe this is not already being done
Kristin Byron	Easton, MA	2016-06-30	Early screening will help identify those children who need early intervention. sll children have a right to avoid education and screening will give teachers better tools to reach these children early.
Joanna Nealon	Northborough, MA	2016-06-30	I have three children diagnosed with reading disabilities during nueropsychological exams not paid for by the school or medical systems. The school district did not bring this to my attention when the data clearly showed there was a problem and I needed to pay for an advocate to get my children the 'free' education and services they are entitled too. Please support giving children the ability to read
Paula Sweeney	Dracut, MA	2016-06-30	As a teacher in an inclusion class, I know the cost and the demands of many special education programs.
Kathy Niedzielski	Amherst, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because the system is broken and should be fixed. Not naming dyslexia leads to unnecessary struggles and confusion for families and schools. Making these changes would increase literacy allowing many to learn more and have a fair chance at a better life.
Judi Batchelder	Braintree, MA	2016-06-30	As a second grade teacher and Orton Gillingham tutor, I see the need for this in our schools.

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Michele Barden	Swampscott, MA	2016-06-30	Both my children have diagnosed dyslexia. They were not diagnosed by their school district (Swampscott) but through a neuropsychologist in their pediatrician's office. It made the early elementary school years very difficult. We have since pulled both children out of the school district as they would not be allowed to study a foreign language because of their diagnosis.
chris miles	Swampscott, MA	2016-06-30	its the right thing to do
Kristen Walsh	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because I'm standing up for my son.
Charles Haynes	Boxford, MA	2016-06-30	There is a critical need to recognize dyslexia and identify it early. Our state of Massachusetts lags behind many others in this area.
Kerri Magoon	Wakefield, MA	2016-06-30	For my nephew
Mary Truesdale	Malden, MA	2016-06-30	Supporting my friends child and all other children with dyslexia.
Kelley Constantine	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	Family and friends
Mieka Leonard	Boston, MA	2016-06-30	Supporting the people in my life struggling with Dyslexia.
Matt Magoon	Wakefield, MA	2016-06-30	My nephew
Christine Murray	Andover, MA	2016-06-30	For the students at my school and for a dear friend Cullen.
Teresa Walsh	Melrose, MA	2016-06-30	For my nephew Cullen
Kim Gallagher	Waban, MA	2016-06-30	I have a child with dyslexia
Lizette Crowley	Dracut, MA	2016-06-30	Children with Dyslexia are smart and CAN achieve!
Karen Pimental	Medford, MA	2016-06-30	My husband has dyslexia. We have 2 sons and would benefit from early screening. Kids should not struggle through school before s diagnosis is made.
Elaine Sgueglia	East Longmeadow, MA	2016-06-30	If teachers know what the problem is, then teachers will be able to take appropriate steps to teach.
Diane Baum	Acton, MA	2016-06-30	I am signing for all future 3rd through 7th grade students with dyslexia who won't have to wait to fail before getting the help they need.
Krystal Murphy	Malden, MA	2016-06-30	nephew ☐
Cheryl Cazeau	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing for my son, and all the children in my classroom who need specialized instruction.
Kerry Ames	WestBridgewater, MA	2016-06-30	All children should be assessed for this.
Angie Franciosa	Westhampton, NY	2016-06-30	I have a son who has dyslexia
Buffy Walsh	Wakefield, MA	2016-06-30	It's important to children
Chantal Janvrin	Beverly, MA	2016-06-30	I have a child with Dyslexia. Every school day is a struggle and it shouldn't be . Every child matters . Pass the legislation.! It's a no brainier
William Page	Andover, MA	2016-06-30	I am signing this so to help my friend Ethan and all the other children affected by Dyslexia.
Sydney Wesolowski	New York, NY	2016-06-30	This is long overdue
Julie Stoller	Nahant, MA	2016-06-30	All children should be encouraged and supported so that they can reach their fullest potential. In a wealthy first-world country like the U.S., this should be common sense. It saddens me that there needs to be a law passed not to discriminate against those with dyslexia. Please pass this law!
Laurel Puchalski	Groveland, MA	2016-06-30	I am a retired teacher who has seen the frustration children who are dyslexic, their families, and their teachers have to go through as they are trying to learn to read. This bill should hopefully provide us with the right tools and knowledge to help!

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Kathaleen Gray	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	My son Keegan
Meredith Dart	Boston, MA	2016-06-30	I am signing because I am a special education teacher
Deborah Beck	Attleboro, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing this petition for my daughter who will be starting high school in the fall and still struggles with reading.
Jamie Sullivan	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-30	My daughter has language-based learning disabilities, including dyslexia. We need to take a proactive role in helping these children and stop pretending this isn't a real problem.
Samantha Ortiz	Leicester, MA	2016-06-30	It took till the beginning of fourth grade to find out that my amazing son is dyslexic. It was the happiest day for me because we finally knew why my sweet, kind and hard working son struggled with reading, spelling and getting his thoughts from his head to his mouth
Margaret McGaffigan	Winchester, MA	2016-06-30	This is greatly needed and can really inform how a child is taught.
Kristen Connolly	Raynham, MA	2016-06-30	My niece has dyslexia
Diane Ferguson	Tewksbury, MA	2016-06-30	This is so important.
Kathleen M. LeVangie-Volpone	Newbury, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because I have several members of my family, including two of my own children, nieces and nephews, and extended family, who have been diagnosed with language-based learning disabilities/Dyslexia. I'm also an elementary teacher and have seen first hand the benefits for the children who are diagnosed earlier in their school career.
Miya Hagberg	Brighton, MA	2016-06-30	My friend's son is dyslexic.
Courtney Cataldo	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	I support all children being successful in learning to read :)
Eric Rich	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-30	It's time that the Commonwealth finally address dyslexia for the prevalent issue that it is, using readily available tools, research, and strategies.
danielle casbarra	Plainville, MA	2016-06-30	My 7 year old shows signs of dyslexia.
Nancy Reny	Weston, MA	2016-06-30	I'm an Orton Gillingham private tutor in Weston and Wellesley and I have a daughter, age 25, that still struggles with language issues.
Bonnie Herter	Lee Center, NY	2016-06-30	My son and granddaughter both have struggled with dyslexia
jody nelson	saint james, NY	2016-06-30	I am the parent of a dyslexic child and have seen first hand the difficulties children and families face when dyslexic students are not helped early. Teachers need to know the science of dyslexia.
Debra Williams	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	I work with kids that have Dyslexia and see how they struggle.
Nora Atchue	Whitinsville, MA	2016-06-30	Northbridge
Julia Duggan	Acton, MA	2016-06-30	I am signing this because I am dyslexic and was illiterate in the 3rd grade. If there had been early screening for me I would have received earlier intervention and I would never had to feel like the idiot of the class. Before being diagnosed, I learned to hate school because I could not keep up with the kids around me. I was fortunate enough to have found help in a reading specialist and it is because of her that I not only learned how to read, but learned to love learning. She is my hero because she saved me from a life of not knowing how amazing learning can be, but not before I had suffered a great deal of humiliation and shame from not only peers, but also teachers as well. If students were screened early, they could receive the early intervention that is so beneficial and necessary for them to succeed without being subjected to the humiliation and frustration that often accompanies this neurobiological difference.
Meike Doyle	Chelmsford, MA	2016-06-30	I have a friend whose son is dyslexic and was not discovered until third grade.

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Kerri hermann	North Andover, MA	2016-06-30	For Cullen
Nancy Brady	Hampton, NH	2016-06-30	My grandchildren live in MA and need services for dyslexia.
Debra Candeloro	Tewksbury, MA	2016-06-30	Please make this a reality for our students as a mom who had 2 children with LD and had to fight for services this is very important. Tewksbury resident
Eva Jackman	Newbury, MA	2016-06-30	I was diagnosed with dyslexia 42 YEARS ago in a MA school through Gorden College. Diagnosed but never treated. Disgraceful and heartbreaking that children are still being kicked aside. 🙄
Karen Hofferty	Franklin, MA	2016-06-30	I have two children with dyslexia!
Lynn Kandar	N. Easton, MA	2016-06-30	I feel its important
Timothy Carpenter	Milton, MA	2016-06-30	I have seen first hand how dyslexia and affect a young student if not appropriately diagnosed
Jesse Floyd	Boxborough, MA	2016-06-30	It is important every child be given every chance to thrive
Joyce Goldweitz	Nantucket, MA	2016-06-30	as a teacher very concerned
Joshua Schindelman	Winchester, MA	2016-06-30	Help children and improve learning outcomes all while saving money!
HELEN AFFSA	HEALDSBURG, CA	2016-06-30	My niece needs this program.. Are teachers & schools AND CHILDREN NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET TO MAKE IT IN LIFE...READING #1 IMPORTANT SKILL THE KIDS NEED.
Karen Walton	Chelmsford, MA	2016-06-30	I am signing because, as a elementary school teacher, it is vitally important we teach our charges to read so they may read to learn. If our students struggle, then it is our responsibility to find out why, and intervene.
Christine Nally	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	As a father of a dyslexic child that was forced to struggle in the wrong direction for several years before being diagnosed, I can only hope for an easier path for the children in the future. Earlier the detection...earlier the intervention. Lots of great minds can left behind not knowing how to properly teach a dyslexic child!
Stephen Nedoroscik	Douglas, MA	2016-06-30	I believe that we need to help all the children by finding out their learning needs as early as possible!
Ellen MacInnis	South Easton, MA	2016-06-30	Every child deserves a chance to succeed and early detection is key. Parents and educators may not be versed recognizing the signs.
pam presson	Salem, MA	2016-06-30	There is so much pressure on school children these days. Dyslexia increases the pressure .We want to do everything we can to help those who need extra assistance
Fran Perlman	Sudbury, MA	2016-06-30	I am a special educator and know how important early intervention is!!
Barbara Landino	Westford, MA	2016-06-30	The sooner you dind this, the more strategies can be used to overcome it.
Kellie Carroll	Grafton, MA	2016-06-30	All children deserve the best options available in education
Maria Curtin	Westford, MA	2016-06-30	I have a dyslexic child. intervening early is critical. We have had to fight for everything for him. Early detection would have made a big difference.
Dr. Elizabeth Norton	Somerville, MA	2016-06-30	As a professor and dyslexia researcher, I know that science supports early screening and identification of children with dyslexia. This legislation can help the state use resources more effectively and help children succeed.
Valerie Frank	Sharon, MA	2016-06-30	Diagnosis is crucial!
Lisa Bardascino	Stoneham, MA	2016-06-30	My son is dyslexic and early screening would have benefited him immensely. Unfortunately he fell under the wait to fail model.
Kelly Woodsum	West Newbury, MA	2016-06-30	This is so important for our children.

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Mary Yancey	Townshend, VT	2016-06-30	I am signing because both of my children have dyslexia and I strongly feel that we need to flag the students with this learning profile early so that we can provide them with the appropriate reading program for their learning style. This way the students maintain confidence in school and can reach their full potential! The dyslexic student has amazing potential to benefit society in the area of the arts, math, and entrepreneurship. When school is a constant struggle these student are at risk for drugs, alcohol or dropping out of school so not only is the struggle real but the potential loss to society as a whole for not encouraging these brilliant minds who think differently is real!
Kelly Farquharson	Winthrop, MA	2016-06-30	Early screening is imperative to appropriate treatment and intervention for children with dyslexia.
Cynthia Wyrocki	Danvers, MA	2016-06-30	teachers in my district still try to deny the existence of dyslexia.
Susan Ryan	Ludlow, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because I am a reading teacher and dyslexia is a real issue
Phyllis Bewick	Carlisle, MA	2016-06-30	I am signing this petition because my son, Tommy, has dyslexia and he was one of the lucky ones who was recognized as a dyslexic learning early. He is now receiving the appropriate instruction and is thriving. I know it works and helps these kids who want to learn and should not be embarrassed because they learn differently,
Deborah ATwood	Topsfield, MA	2016-06-30	The ability to read is more important than any other skill a child needs . Period .
Patrick Mccarthy	North Easton, MA	2016-06-30	Its the right thing to do, and should have been standard operating procedure decades ago.
Christopher Petrie	Ipswich, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because my son has dyslexia and received in adequate services from his public school.
teresa Mackie	Melrose, MA	2016-06-30	I have Dyslexia, and I'm 53 years old!
Laurie L Jarvis	Newbury, MA	2016-06-30	Family members have been diagnosed with it. I have several with ADHD, Aspergers who struggle. No one should struggle without help in schools. I know the difficulties in having to deal with schools, etc even WITH a diagnosis of any kind. The diagnosis and intervention does help.
Natasha Strom	Arlington, MA	2016-06-30	My niece has dyslexia.
Beverly DeFlumeri	Billerica, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing for every student that comes through my classroom that struggles.
Connie Whittall	Byfield, MA	2016-06-30	It is about time!
Eric Caputo	Topsfield, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because had we known earlier my 4th grade son wouldn't be over 2 years behind in his reading and comprehension.
Mary ellen Crocker	Chelsea, MA	2016-06-30	My youngest child is dyslexic and has struggled throughout his academic career to keep up....proud to say he recently got his Master's Degree!
Ruth Diaz	Wellesley Hills, MA	2016-06-30	It's an important bill and it needs to pass. for the sake of children and our future. It makes sense to address this issue proactively when it's cheaper to fix then to wait until dyslexia requires intensive services to rehabilitate.
Robert Broudo	Beverly, MA	2016-06-30	I strongly support this bill.
Eileen Boisvert	Leicester, MA	2016-06-30	My friend's son is going through this and could have used help sooner.
k vita	georgetown, MA	2016-06-30	children our future, and children with dyslexia need to know earlier
Maria Milagre	Maynard, MA	2016-06-30	For my grandson and all the other 20% of the population who are currently being denied their right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education.
Nicole Behrens	Virginia Beach, VA	2016-06-30	Wins in other states can help mine.

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Susan Kahn	Waltham, MA	2016-06-30	I'm the mother & grandmother of dyslexic children. I teach dyslexic children, and I've written techniques to enable them to read with 90% accuracy within 1 school year. Why continue unnecessary school failure in reading? Diagnose the children at 5 and 6 years of age. Give them the type of instruction that enables them to read as well as or better than their third grade peers. Please pass these humane laws for the benefit of families and society.
Gail Bernardin	Carlisle, MA	2016-06-30	My son was not diagnosed with dyslexia until the end of 5th grade, and even then the testing was initiated by me and not his public school. I feel like he has missed so many years of schooling and reading instruction because of this late diagnosis.
Kristen White	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signing because as a parent and teacher I know the importance of making education accessible for ALL children and early screening, identification, and instruction is a key component to helping children succeed.
Hope haff	Jamaica Plain, MA	2016-06-30	Ignoring dyslexia in our schoolchildren can lead to dropping out in high school...and drugs, violence and loss of capable young people. Let's support ALL our kids.
Maria Souza	Acton, MA	2016-06-30	I'm signed because it is good for kids.
Melissa Gaultier	Easton, MA	2016-06-30	All children should have the ability to reach their potential right from the start.
Kathy Glennon	South Walpole, MA	2016-06-30	All kids should have an equal opportunity to be educated with services if needed. Dyslexic kids should be able to have an IEP if needed.
Gisele Coutinho Telles de Oliveira	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	2016-06-30	Because it is very important help for that children !
Danielle Pimenta	Maynard, MA	2016-06-30	Today, I'm signing this petition as a general education high school teacher who has found herself heartbroken and feeling helpless throughout several academic years. I could list MANY instances of how the lack of a scientific definition, early screening and evidence-based intervention have resulted in frustration, low self-esteem, and low academic performance for many of my students, but today I'm just going to share about a single student here. Male, junior in high school, of color, on an IEP, the parent of an adorable baby, but FUNCTIONALLY ILLITERATE. Yes, this student WILL GRADUATE next year but doesn't know how to spell the words: defeat, thesis, discrimination, sentence, civil, judge... He had to put an enormous amount of effort to be able to read even a couple of sentences. His vocabulary is so limited that even when I read the text out loud to him, he couldn't understand the main ideas. He needed much more than what I could provide him with. I knew this and so did he. He knew he needed targeted help but he just didn't know how to get it and this caused him a lot of frustration and anger. It turns out no one ever told him a specific name for his condition. So, today I'm signing this petition to ensure that all children in Massachusetts are screened early, receive evidence-based intervention in early elementary school and are empowered by the use of the term "dyslexia." Let us guarantee these children's civil rights. After all, they have the right to a free and APPROPRIATE education.
John Fitzsimmons	Harvard, MA	2016-06-30	I would have been helped by screening as a kid.
william ladue	Sturbridge, MA	2016-06-30	had dyslexia as a child , never diagnosed and problems in school because of it
Ramon Goncalves	Rowley, MA	2016-06-30	I am sign this for this Child and his parents
Lynn Kelley	Wilmington, MA	2016-06-30	I'm agree do if Cullen Walsh

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Robin Gordon	Longmeadow, MA	2016-06-30	My child was diagnosed in 2nd grade (after my child had a nervous breakdown) and we pulled him into a private school) I am also an Elementary Educator that believes sooner is BETTER than later, we have NO reason to wait when we know these readers struggle and there are educational methods that work!
Edna Moreira Martins	acton, MA	2016-06-30	I have two kids and both of them was diagnose with adhd and add , I'll have them be tested for dyslexia because they struggle so much in school and it's a heart breaking for them to see all their friends go forward and they are always behind
kathleen doyle-botelho	fairhaven, MA	2016-06-30	I care ☐☐
Kerri Roberts	Melrose, MA	2016-07-01	My daughter has dyslexia and if it had been caught earlier it would have saved us years of pain and her feeling shame. It also would have saved tens of thousands of dollars we have had to pay out of our pockets for tutors and advocates.
Amy Amico	Merrimac, MA	2016-07-01	I am a parent and a teacher who advocates to support children.
Ellie Veiga	Ashland, MA	2016-07-01	Help my friend son, and other kids to with the problem .
martin steffen	Belmont, MA	2016-07-01	This is important for the kids individually, and for society as a whole to help them become creative, productive vibrant contributors!
Mike Kozub	Hopkinton, MA	2016-07-01	This matters!
valeria Lloyd	Acton, MA	2016-07-01	I agree with that cause
Elizabeth Bates	Groveland, MA	2016-07-01	I'm signing because every student, every child, and the community at large will always benefit by being able to read. To utilize a truly strong learning base, in which to grow, involves so many pieces falling into place. But without confidence and needed assistance, the fear/embarrassment of perceived failure will extinguish true potential?
Nikki Torday	Needham, MA	2016-07-01	I have dislexia and want to help children with this have a biright future like I did
Denise Medaglia	Groveland, MA	2016-07-01	Retired teacher who saw first hand the need for early intervention for children with dyslexia and the tragic consequences for those who go undiagnosed until middle school.
Gail Palmer	Framingham, MA	2016-07-01	Because I have 2 kids with Dyslexia and our battle has been very difficult. This law will help a lot of children and their families.
Kristen Shikes	West Newbury, MA	2016-07-01	Early screening will help so many kids.
Marizete Bardinu	Maynard, MA	2016-07-01	Marizete Bardini
Jeanne Finlayson	Hudson, MA	2016-07-01	My son didn't get diagnosed with dyslexia until junior year in high school and continues to struggle. Testing should be required at a early age.
Jeane Horne	Deerfield, NH	2016-07-01	My cousin Bethany Rappoli xoxo
Larry Weissman	Cambridge, MA	2016-07-01	I take care of a dyslexic boy and I support the cause.
Beth Tremblay Hall	Newburyport MA 01950, MA	2016-07-01	I am dyslexic and so are both my children. The struggles go beyond just reading. It is very difficult for young people to understand why it's so hard for them to read and often this struggle results in an emotional issue. As you know many people who with reading issues end up struggling with addiction or end up in jail. If we are able to detect reading issues early and provide the necessary support at early elimentay age it could change the outcomes for students and society. Early detection and appropriate supports has the potential to save lives and reduce society costs for addiction and incarceration.
Ellen Follett	West Springfield, MA	2016-07-01	Kids need as much help as possible.

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Gina Caiazzo	Pepperell, MA	2016-07-01	It's time...reading is to education as eating is to living. It's despicable that parents have to hire advocates, lawyers, outside experts etc... just to gain access to the fundamentals of learning for their children with reading disabilities. I am shocked to see nothing has changed in Massachusetts in 30+ years in this regard. Children who need glasses to read, get glasses. Children who need hearing aids to hear the teacher, get them. They don't usually have to struggle for 3-5 yrs to "prove" they need something different than their peers to succeed...then fight for yrs more, trying to get what they need. What's wrong with this picture?
Reneau Longoria	Rockport, MA	2016-07-01	My son is dyslexic and was not diagnosed until he was in the second grade. He was lucky enough to go to Landmark for 4 years until we ran out of money but he made no progress after going on to public school and I suspected he was dyslexic as early as 4 when he always found kids to read to him and for him but could not read that year or the next or the next. Early intervention will make a huge difference to these kids and our society as a whole.
Donna Cummings	Lake Mary, FL	2016-07-01	Every child deserves a proper diagnosis. And the chance to learn.
Allison Williams	Rockport, MA	2016-07-01	Allison Williams
Penny Sperry	Gloucester, MA	2016-07-01	I am a parent of a dyslexic child.
Theresa McKay	Cambridge, MA	2016-07-01	I am signing this petition because I think it's critically important to have early testing and treatment for children who might have dyslexia, giving any delay in addressing this learning difference often results in delays in learning/ones future, damaged self esteem resulting in emotional problems, and a decrease in this young dyslexic student in reaching their potential Sincerely
Shauna MacSweeney	North Easton, MA	2016-07-01	I love Lucy!
Kathleen O'Brien	Quincy, MA	2016-07-01	Dyslexia has effected my family and to many have had to struggle educationally , financially , socially and emotionally
Ruth Griffiths	Longmeadow, MA	2016-07-01	Early screening for dyslexia is critical because early detection means early intervention. The best window to address this dyslexia is often over before diagnosis is confirmed. Our daughter is dyslexic and has made tremendous progress through rigorous interventions that she would not have had access to had we not known to push. These interventions should not only be available ONLY to those who know to push but should be available to everyone . Early, specific screening would go along way toward ensuring those critical early interventions can be accessed by everyone.
Allison Hammett	West Newbury, MA	2016-07-01	It is crucial that children are screened for dyslexia early on. Children would then never have to feel less then, or as my 10 year old son as stated "stupid" the shame that these children feel because of the wait and see approach is heart wrenching to say the least. Please support the 1 in 5.
Kathleen Taylor	Reading, MA	2016-07-01	It's the right thing to do.
Josephine Bonomo	West Roxbury, MA	2016-07-01	All children deserve a fair education
Andrea Kelly	Everett, MA	2016-07-01	I support helping children with Dyslexia. I know a lot of people who suffer from it!
Kim Record	Reading, MA	2016-07-01	I believe early testing is best. Let us not worry about the stigma and educate our children.
Amy Szarek	Groveland, MA	2016-07-01	My 7 year old son is dyslexic.
Shannon Rambo	West Newbury, MA	2016-07-01	I'm signing this because early detection is a gift to those struggling.

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Deborah Dyer	Quincy, MA	2016-07-01	My son was diagnosed with dyslexia in the 2nd grade and was kept back in kindergarten after two full years of preschool. Earlier screening and detection absolutely would have been a benefit for us and many many others
Jenifer Harrison	Walpole, MA	2016-07-01	My daughter is dyslexic and we have to pay out of pocket for all of her tutoring and are now sending her to a private school because the public schools have failed her. And I am a special education teacher and it breaks my heart to see inside the schools how little is known and being done to intervene early for struggling readers! These children are bright and capable, they just need a different way of teaching and they certainly deserve what they need. Don't you agree? Thank you!!
Sharon Guzik	Medford, MA	2016-07-01	By 3rd grade it is already too late. The child feels like a failure and self-esteem and self-confidence is already significantly damaged.  We had our son evaluated privately in Kindergarten at just over 5 1/2. And had an IEP in place for 1st grade. With services and private tutoring he was reading fluently by 4th grade and is now a book devourer (as he calls himself). As a school committee member I've been advocating for quality, routine screening in Kindergarten and teaching reading very explicitly in the first place.
Alissa Cronin	Amesbury, MA	2016-07-01	My friend's daughter and so many others could be helped by early screening and a better proactive plan .
Maureen Nee	Arlington, MA	2016-07-01	This is too important to skip. We need to make sure that our kids get the testing at an early age so they can get the support needed!
RuthMarie Lewis	Maynard, MA	2016-07-01	My mom went undiagnosed with dyslexia until she was an adult and I know of at least 2 children in my world who went undiagnosed for too long. It is important and time to make a change.
tom keenan	Andover, MA	2016-07-01	To protect the Civil Rights of the 1 in 5 and to ensure the next generation gets a Free Appropriate Public Education
Priscilla Monson	Haverhill, MA	2016-07-01	My son has dyslexia and it has been more difficult than it should to get him the help he needs!
Neillee Harold	Attleboro, MA	2016-07-01	Dyelexia is a condition which hinders the ability to learn at the same pace as peers. This can lead to many other issues that also include severe anxiety and depression and damaging the self esteem of a child if they feel "different" than their peers not to mention not supported for something that is out of their control. PLEASE support our nations next leaders who require a little extra support in their learning style!
Noel Ashekian	Norwell, MA	2016-07-01	I'm signing because my son has dyslexia and we had to pull him out of public school to send him to a private school so that he could get the help he needs. We can afford to do this, but what about the families that cannot? What happens to those children?
Caitlin O'Brien	Stoneham, MA	2016-07-01	I'm signing this because my son has dyslexia and it's sad that my husband and I have to fight the school system to get him the help he needs. He has struggled for 2 years and this has crushed his confidence - it's heart breaking. Things need to change!
Claudio Gregorio	Maynard, MA	2016-07-01	I'm signing because I believe children is our future and we need to care about our future! Let's give a little bit more for everyone
Allexe Law-Flood	Wellesley, MA	2016-07-01	My daughter could have benefited from early detection.

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Deborah Casson	Newburyport, MA	2016-07-01	This affects so many of our children. Early recognition is critical to focused intervention which will allow a child reach his academic potential with self esteem intact. Please don't miss this opportunity to support our young.
grace c magoon	east boston, MA	2016-07-01	Cullen
jaime vines	Brookline, MA	2016-07-01	This is important.
Rheta Record	Saugus, MA	2016-07-01	Two of my seven grandchildren have it. Dyslexia needs to be recognized. These kids need help early on.
Heather Delcore	Norwell, MA	2016-07-01	I have a dyslexic son and want to promote awareness
Amy Sibley	Northborough, MA	2016-07-01	As a special educator, I realize how important early interventions are for students with reading difficulties.
Bonnie Halvorson-bourgeois	Cambridge, MA	2016-07-01	I work educating teachers in instructional methods most effective for helping struggling readers. These experienced teachers are hungry for this information- they see so many kids struggling. I their schools. The waitlist of children with reading difficulties is much longer than we can see in our in house literacy center each year. That so many families are seeking our services outside of school speaks strongly for this law. Bonnie Halvorson-Bourgeois Coordinator of Literacy Services Speech Language and Literacy Center MGH Institute of Health Professions
gail arnold	watertown, MA	2016-07-01	I work with dyslexic students and understand the importance of and need for early childhood screening and intervention.
Eleana OBrien	Stoneham, MA	2016-07-01	There is a great need for early testing
Emily Lane	West Newbury, MA	2016-07-01	I know a child directly affected by dyslexia
Christiani Landrau	Marlborough, MA	2016-07-01	I have a dyslexic daughter and have been "fighting" with the system to have her needs met. This will help all the kids that need the right approach in place. My daughter received ABA instead which was totally the wrong program for her and set her back in her academics- BIG TIME! Now we are playing- caching up... but it will take years!
Heather Spolidoro	North Billerica, MA	2016-07-01	I sign for my kids and all the others that deserve what they need to succeed.
Jennifer Flanigan	Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA	2016-07-01	My daughter has suffered for years in our public school. I spent every penny to legally fight for her right to a Free Appropriate Public Education. The current system is nothing short of academic malpractice, bordering on child abuse. STOP THE WAIT TO FAIL!
Meaka Brown	Boston, MA	2016-07-01	Child with dyslexia
janet dillon	newbury, MA	2016-07-01	Every child deserves as much opportunity to learn as the next.
Debra Kinton	Reading, MA	2016-07-01	I'm signing this petition because we need to catch these issues early before children are turned off when it comes to learning. There is no reason to wait until they are older! Debi from Reading
Steven Miller	indianapolis, IN	2016-07-01	I have family that could have benefitted from this and would like to see others benefit from it.
Susan Ste.Marie	Carver, MA	2016-07-01	I am signing for our son and all the other kids I see on a daily basis, who struggle unnecessarily, when they could get the help they so need and deserve!! Please pass this Bill!
Debra Consorti	Wilmington, MA	2016-07-01	Because we need early testing and intervention

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Judith Ripley	Westport, MA	2016-07-01	As a 30year MA English teacher, I believe that this is very much needed to help our students succeed.
Heather O'Hare	Reading, MA	2016-07-01	My son is dyslexic and we didn't get him tested until middle of 3rd grade and it's been an ongoing struggle. Public school has been no help!
Jeanne Talbot	North Grafton, MA	2016-07-01	My child is severely dyslexic. She was diagnosed with double deficit dyslexia between kindergarten and 1st grade and was given TONS of services in public school from 1st through 4th grade. But, they were the wrong services. In 5th grade, she was placed out of district at Carroll School and will go to Landmark in the Fall for 9th grade. It's not just about early diagnosis. It's about early diagnosis and the RIGHT interventions early. My child will never gets those years back and will forever be well behind grade level because of it.
Christine Emerton	Danvers, MA	2016-07-01	Reading is the cornerstone of any education and helping children read should be a priority.
Ed DeKarski	Carver, MA	2016-07-01	It makes sense!!
Diane Kelley	Hopkinton, MA	2016-07-01	I'm signing because my daughter has dyslexia and it was not identified until 5th grade. Earlier identification is best, the earlier a child can receive the help they need the better.
Rachael Coppenrath-Latta	Marshfield, MA	2016-07-01	I believe it is way overdue this disability effects too many people we need to help them.
Shiela Demers	Chelmsford, MA	2016-07-01	I have a son and a granddaughter that have deslyxia
Susan Romasco	Amesbury, MA	2016-07-01	I see the need because all children do not have access to reading specialists within their school programs
Susan Nutter	Hartsville, SC	2016-07-01	I'm signing because no child should feel the pain, heartbreak, and humiliation that my son has gone through. He is 14, has been in public school since kindergarten, and he is illiterate. The system is broken. Fix this. There are too many programs that work, children should not have to suffer for the ignorance of others. Fix this! #SAYDYSLEXIA

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Cindy Forte	Wilbraham, MA	2016-07-01	In 3rd grade my son was evaluated for learning disabilities and based on his testing was given an IEP for a "neurological Impairment" with a goal of Organizational Skills and Writing Skills. We went on through 6th grade with some improvements noted, until his 3 year evaluation at the end of 6th grade. At that time he was found "ineligible" for services based on his testing which were found to range from low average to high average, which according to the school district was making progress. For the next 3 years he struggled and became very discouraged and grades declined all the while I fought to have the IEP reinstated. He was considered to be lazy and needing to try harder. Finally, after the school district approved an independent evaluation, he was diagnosed with dyslexia in the 9th grade! His reading and writing skills were found to be in the range of 3rd-5th grade as a 9th grade student! The evidence typical of dyslexic children was present in his 3rd grade evaluations done by the school district, and no specific specialized instruction was provided. No mention either that he "may be dyslexic", they refuse to name it, and can't diagnose it, which a a big problem. He has lost so much ground, and is so discouraged and hates school. We have 3 short years to make up so much ground. Even more shocking is the schools finding of no eligibility for special education as he "is making effective progress" even after his diagnosis with dyslexia. This should have never happened and in my estimation is disgraceful and criminal. This is why to is so important for this to pass. Many, many children are being missed like my child and the schools just continue to pass them onto the next grade until they barely graduate or drop out and go down the wrong path, which affects all of us. These kids have so much potential and so much to contribute if they are screened early and given the proper intervention, but this is happening in many school districts. It's time for change NOW.
Jennifer Seney	Sudbury, MA	2016-07-01	My son has dyslexia and I teach many students in 6th grade with dyslexia!
phoebe beacham	Tooele, UT	2016-07-01	Am a Mother, wife, daughter to so many with dyslexia. Many of whom were never identified.
lila austin	Boston, MA	2016-07-01	It's important to have educators evaluate children for dyslexia and develop best practices for all children to learn how to read. Thank-you, Lila Austin, Learning Specialist
Marie Crane-Yvon	Westfield, MA	2016-07-01	My son has dyslexia. He was late to speak, repeated kindergarten and suffered through every possible intervention. After draining our savings account to hire an attorney and battle our SPED Dept. he was placed at a school for language based learning-dyslexia. In 2 years he made 4 years growth. He also got his confidence back. EVERY CHILD can learn the to read with the methods designed for dyslexics! Early testing and intervention is EVERYTHING. Thank you, please help our children by passing this bill.
Charlotte Wolfe	Newton, MA	2016-07-01	This is an important measure to help all children to learn to read sooner and in better ways.
kate gavora	east kingston, NH	2016-07-01	I am a Massachusetts educator.
Michelle Amato-Tilton	Boxford, MA	2016-07-02	My son has dyslexia and he is proof that when detected early and provided with appropriate instruction, even profoundly dyslexics can learn and succeed. Every person with dyslexia should be given an appropriate education and the interventions needed to make progress.
Lisa Scapicchio	Andover, MA	2016-07-02	Because I want children to reading/learning with their classmates at the same pace. And treachers need to be moe educated with dyslexia!! Too many children fall threw the cracks!!
Dianne Noble	Gloucester, MA	2016-07-02	It's time.

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Heidi Badot	Halifax, MA	2016-07-02	My son has dyslexia change should be implemented without a discussion. I had to fight.
April Hautala	Gloucester, MA	2016-07-02	I have 2 kids with dyslexia
Priscilla Hollenbeck	Reading, MA	2016-07-02	Early intervention is key. The science is clear on this.
Donna O'Brien	Wakefield, MA	2016-07-02	I know children with dyslexia.
Elena Raffa	Revere, MA	2016-07-02	I am a teacher and early detection and intervention are critical to reading success for all.
Beth Zerilli	Rockport, MA	2016-07-02	I support early intervention.
Hannah Fraley	South Hamilton, MA	2016-07-02	My children and many family members have dyslexia and we have spent thousands just to get the basic help they need.
Julie Jahn	Quincy, MA	2016-07-02	I am d
Jane Chrumka	Stow, MA	2016-07-02	Children can best overcome difficulty with reading when they are identified and helped early. The current model of insisting that a child fail causes irreparable damage to the kids. It also means that intervention only comes after that early window. Massachusetts can and must insist on better.
Erica Bitz	Wilbraham, MA	2016-07-02	I'm signing because all students deserve to learn some just need to do so in different ways. Also my little brother has dyslexia and this would have benefited him greatly.
Kathleen O'Rourke	Arlington, MA	2016-07-02	My son was diagnosed in first grade after being privately tested. If we had waited the district would not have tested him until after 4th grade. He is going into 8th grade in the fall and is a straight A student who no longer needs an IEP. Had we waited the result would have been much different.
Jean DeMayo	Middleton, MA	2016-07-02	It's time to do the right thing, MA.
Erica Nichols	Andover, MA	2016-07-02	My son blew up in 4th grade and was reading and writing at a kindergarten level. We spent many years worried and working with the school to help him but they told us "he is a boy, and boys take longer to read". Please pass this bill, there needs to be an intervention very early; K or 1st grade at the latest. Please do not leave these kids behind.
Katherine Howe	Tyngsborough, MA	2016-07-02	My daughter is 14 and while she started struggling in Kindergarten, the school did not recognize she had a language based learning disability (dyslexia is in that category). After a lot of searching and struggling we got her into Landmark School. It's been the best thing for her! Doing screenings at an early age is something we owe these kids.
Kelly McDonald	Hyde Park, MA	2016-07-02	Wish there was more help services out there. My daughter has Dyslexia. She is slowly making strides& she will be entering the 5th grade.
William Riley	Boston, MA	2016-07-02	I would like to see friends and family members with this condition be as prepared as possible to live their lives to the fullest.
Diane Irvine	Franklin, MA	2016-07-02	My 8 year old daughter has been on an IEP since 1st grade for reading. We're pretty sure she has Dyslexia but because the school system isn't allowed to even say Dyslexia and health insurance won't pay for the testing needed (I was told if you are trying to get the test just based on an IEP from the school you will be denied) she isn't getting all the help necessary for her to be successful in school and life. Please help make the necessary changes for our children to get the diagnosis and help they deserve. Thank you. Diane
mackenzie remillard	Blackstone, MA	2016-07-02	For my nieces to have a fair chance.

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Tara Herlihy	Reading, MA	2016-07-02	My son is dyslexia and additionally I am a special education teacher of 16 years.
Rebecca Cellucci	Sherborn, MA	2016-07-02	Having a daughter who got her diagnosis later, and having her struggle was so in necessary, and this law will help so many children,!
Jennifer Dunford	Milton, MA	2016-07-02	I'm signing because of my son who was diagnosed with dyslexia at age 5. He was fortunate enough to have an unbelievable pre school teachers who recognized the signs.
Karen Pearson	Winchester, MA	2016-07-02	Both my sons have dyslexia. The importance of early intervention can not be over stated. With functioning magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) we know that the visual connection in the brain develops early. So much emphasis and expectation is placed on learning to read early that children who can not 'see' words in the same way are isolated from learning. Policy is lagging behind and holding our children back. There are more ways that our children can learn and those methods (visual, auditory, and kin esthetic) have the ability to change the face of education for children who learn differently (with the use of video technology). It is time that science and art combine to make education, especially for our elementary level children, active and naturally through the senses. Please sign. Thank you.
Michelle Toth	Haverhill, MA	2016-07-02	I'm signing this because my 17 year old son has struggled in school almost his entire school career. According to current testing preformed in school he had a "borderline" learning disability & didn't qualify for services. He was diagnosed with dyslexia too late, the school system failed him. He's a well behaved good mannered child so he didn't get the attention the children who "misbehaved" did. There are too many kids who fall through the cracks & it needs to stop, the MA school system "wait to fail" approached failed my son.
Matthew Banks	Watertown, MA	2016-07-02	Students with Dyslexia deserve the right to learn to read and write!
Nancy Byrne	Stow, MA	2016-07-02	I know an older person with dyslexia who made it through school with dyslexia without it being identified.... The word that best describes the experience from my point of view is persecution.
Kathleen Petrilli	Quincy, MA	2016-07-02	I care about our next generation! Our society as a whole should be doing more to help kids with disabilities period. Dyslexia affects many kids and they should be identified as early as possible so they can get the help they need early not later.....
David J. Blaton Sr. Blaton	Quincy, MA	2016-07-02	It is the right thing to do. This should be part of the no child left behind act.
Amanda Duggan	Acton, MA	2016-07-02	Everyone is entitled to an education that is appropriate for them--let's use the science we have to determine what is appropriate so that everyone can learn to read.
Christine Reading	West Newbury, MA	2016-07-02	All students should be given the best opportunity to learn in a way that is best for them from the earliest time possible.
Joyce Mazalewski	Carver, MA	2016-07-02	Early intervention is very important.
Judy Sousa	Medford, MA	2016-07-02	My son, one of the smartest people I know has dyslexia! If he had been diagnosed earlier it could have saved years of unnecessary questions, worries and frustration! School systems need to take responsibility for the their part in treating all disabilities and our children fairly with early screening detection. If we know it works...why aren't we doing it!
Sarah Lentz	Andover, MA	2016-07-02	It's important for children!

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Amy Cohen	Great Barrington, MA	2016-07-02	I have a 9 year old dyslexic and wish she were identified as such earlier. She still struggles every day with this. Schools would save money, ultimately, if they invested in OG training for teachers and worked with kids way earlier. My daughter was tested in 2nd grade and they told me she had no LD and was gifted. We took her for testing, at great cost, to Yale and they said she was classic and if 10 is the worst dyslexic she is an 8. So my school can't (or worse won't) identify it and can not properly address it. I care about her and I'd like to help other kids get help earlier.
Tammy Hanson	Watertown, CT	2016-07-02	Support for a good friend
Janice Grant Menes	Reading, MA	2016-07-02	I'm a writing tutor and care about education.
Alberto Tina	Uxbridge, MA	2016-07-02	Massachusetts is held as the high standard of public education in this country. Yet, Massachusetts is far behind other states in helping dyslexic students. Every child is entitled to a free and appropriate education. It is past time that Massachusetts recognizes this, and assists in diagnosis, and in providing the appropriate research-based teaching methods for dyslexics. Proud parent of a dyslexic child from Uxbridge.
Linda Meinhold	Whitman, MA	2016-07-02	Please help these children be the best that they can be!
Keely Plunkett	Belmont, MA	2016-07-03	My daughter is dyslexic
Linda Confalone	Huntington, NY	2016-07-03	my grand daughter
Nancy Mccluskey	Lowell, MA	2016-07-03	My daughter has dyslexia
Karen O'Reilly	Wilmington, MA	2016-07-03	I'm signing for Cullen and for me. If only I had the opportunity back in my day to understand why it was so hard for me and then be shown how. I have your back Cullen!
Mary Coyne	Manchester, MA	2016-07-03	Not everyone has the time, resources or willingness to fight the public system , but everyone deserves the right to a public education that starts with learning to read. Massachusetts is known for public education and should be committed to innovation and the latest dyslexia research based in Boston. Massachusetts politicians should not let politics fail their students.
Jane Woods	Wilmington, MA	2016-07-03	This is long overdue . Please do not cut full day kindergarten funding .
Barbara Walsh-Smith	Boston, MA	2016-07-03	Early screening and intervention works! Every child should be given the correct tools to learn to read.
Christie Seem	Dayton, OH	2016-07-03	I am signing because my nephew was just diagnosed with dyslexia a little over a year ago. He is 10 years old. If he had been tested in Kindergarten he would not have had to struggle in school for so many years.
Heather McGehearty	Lewisville, TX	2016-07-03	Early screening is important, kids need intervention early and we need to preserve their self-esteem. Help kids early and prevent high school dropout and are growing prison population. 48% of our prison population is Dyslexic.
michael perry	agawam, MA	2016-07-03	My grandchildren are directly effected.
Leah Tremble	Medway, MA	2016-07-03	I'm signing because we have the science to identify and treat Dyslexia. It is absurd and shameful that we are not using it and instead using the wait to fail model in order to get these students help. Given the number of students alone that are impacted by dyslexia and the percentage of special needs servicing given to dyslexia, early screening is a necessity.
Karen Lema	Easton, MA	2016-07-03	I have been a Special Education Teacher at all levels for over 30 years.
Laura Velazquez	North Dartmouth, MA	2016-07-03	I work with students with dyslexia. Too often students are not diagnosed in time and with proper support can be remediated in many cases. Early identification is crucial!

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Holly Butler	South Easton, MA	2016-07-03	If dyslexia can be detected early with a simple screening tool then schools should be doing it.
Maudie Karickhoff	Huntington, WV	2016-07-04	Children should be enabled to reach their fullest potential.
Debbie petrovsky	Natick, MA	2016-07-04	I am a parent who is disgusted by the current status of Massachusetts education especially education for special ed students. The system greatly failed my son when he was in kindergarten through 12th schooling.
Janet Healey Micalizzi	Rockport, MA	2016-07-04	Saving the state thousands of dollars in costs later will be done by signing this bill today.
Susan Palmer	Pepperell, MA	2016-07-04	It is critical to catch students early, because the longer we wait the more time it takes to remediate them so they are literate members of our society. I speak as a special ed teacher and dyslexic.
D. Bragonier	cambridge, MA	2016-07-04	Please consider this tremendously important information. Thanks
Nicole Mccarthy	Canton, MA	2016-07-04	I have 2 daughters with dyslexia and we have had a very difficult time getting services my daughters were legally entitled from the school district. If they had been screened early, a great deal of time, money and anguish could have been avoided.
Alicia Colley	Boxborough, MA	2016-07-04	I'm signing this for my 13 year old son Timothy. He is dyslexic. As the youngest of 3 sons, I knew that his development was lagging behind his older brothers very early on. I brought this up at his kindergarten screening, and they said he was fine. He struggled through Kindergarten, first, second and third grade, then I fought for testing in 4th grade. He received services from 4th through 7th grade, and is now an A student. Early screening for dyslexia would have saved us 5 years of a very dark and painful elementary school experience, that no child deserves.
Marilyn Baillargeon	Andover, MA	2016-07-04	My son was diagnosed LATE because his school said he wasn't a candidate for the testing ☹!!!! My husband and I are both dyslexic!!!! Really!?!?
Sharon Amos	Beverly, MA	2016-07-05	I work with dyslexic students and early screening can mean the difference between a positive school experience and a feeling of failure for so many of these children.
Patricia Ward	Quincy, MA	2016-07-05	If dyslexia is not found early and treated, many students will be faced with frustration and failure. This will carry over in many, many areas of their lives.
Deborah Canadas	Chelmsford, MA	2016-07-05	I'm signing because my husband was not diagnosed with dyslexia until adulthood, and his life might have been different if he had better literacy skills.
Jennine Dumont	West Brookfield, MA	2016-07-05	My 9 year old son was allowed to fail because his school did not believe in Dyslexia! We had to hire a private tutor and switch to a private school and now he is reading above grade level. We knew in kindergarten but took to third grade to realize the school "couldn't" help him. Please do not let other children go through this.
Paul and Natalie Rothwell	Littleton, MA	2016-07-05	We have a granddaughter with dyslexia.
Deborah Andrews	Newburyport, MA	2016-07-05	So many people struggle with dyslexia with mixed academic results due to a lack of science information. With H44O66, parents, teachers, and students will better understand and be able to mitigate the symptoms of dyslexia as well as the stigma. Thank you I live in Newburyport.

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Erin Quealy	Lowell, MA	2016-07-05	As a 1st grade teacher I have seen several students struggle, only to be told that my district "doesn't recognize" dyslexia as a learning disability and doesn't have any resources. I'm at a very low income school and parents just don't have the ability to privately test. Please help!
Lane Alonzo	Cambridge, MA	2016-07-05	Its imperative to test early and every child deserves to find the right tools to learn.
Judy Downey	Quincy, MA	2016-07-05	My daughter has dyslexia and we have been struggling for 5 years to get the right help for her in the public schools, the teachers want to help but they do not have the proper training.
Wendy Braceland	Stow, MA	2016-07-05	My son was diagnosed with dyslexia when he was in grade 4. He recently graduated high school. The road was not easy. Fortunately for me, the diagnosis of dyslexia was made because I had time to research, come up with a diagnosis on my own and then have him professionally diagnosed. I was trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach to help my child and also tutored other dyslexic children. If we have the knowledge, science to back it up, and resources for early detection, why wouldn't we use them? Please pass a legislation for early detection. You would be saving so many children who go undiagnosed and consider themselves "dumb" when in fact they just learn differently.
michelle haskins	norton, MA	2016-07-05	My 11 y/o son has dyslexia.
Michele Heyde	City, MA	2016-07-05	My son who is now 24 struggled through school because of Dyslexia. My younger son now is struggling too because of Dyslexia.
Denise Permatteo	Leominster, MA	2016-07-06	I'm signing because I care about the educational needs of ALL children.
Maureen Akhouzine	Quincy, MA	2016-07-06	Early screening is critical to kids success in school and beyond
Tonya Troup	Quincy, MA	2016-07-06	I also have this learning disability and it was overlooked as a child. Which made my school years very frustrating.
Kathleen OBrien	Quincy, MA	2016-07-06	I am signing for my daughters, Kelli and Mikaela, and the generations of children who can't access, develop or thrive within public schools without early dyslexia screening and curriculum model and methodology to effectively teach them. So much potential lost and adverse impacts on self esteem leading to severe anxiety, depression and drugs. Think about it...kids are driven to these dark places just because they needed to learn differently!
Melody O'Neil	Beverly, MA	2016-07-06	I work with students who have dyslexia at a school for children language-based learning disabilities. I also have two dyslexic children myself. I know how crucial it is to screen children at very young age, when they are at the early literacy/emerging readers stage, and then to begin direct, explicit multi-sensory instruction to help improve their phonological awareness for word attack/decoding and reading fluency. Public schools and their teachers need more training and resources to make this happen!
Meghan Sebens	Beverly, MA	2016-07-06	I work with students with language-based learning disabilities who often come into later grades with very low reading skills...but it doesn't have to be that way.
Wendy Ellis	Peabody, MA	2016-07-06	I work with students diagnosed with Dyslexia daily. Because these students' reading needs are not attended to or diagnosed early enough, they come to our school, The Landmark School, with the feelings of an incredible amount of failure. It takes a great amount of time to increase their self-confidence and recognize they are smart students who learn differently. By addressing reading concerns early on, a child's self-worth and confidence can be strong from the start - encouraging them to know they can achieve anything they set their mind to.

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Peter Harris	Topsfield, MA	2016-07-06	I'm signing because students with dyslexia need interventions to begin as early as is possible based upon the current research. Waiting for students to fail before intervening is an outdated model.
Christine Ozahowski	South Hamilton, MA	2016-07-06	I think that it is important to support the best possible educational options for students with Dyslexia.
Lauren Torres	Beverly, MA	2016-07-06	It's important!
Carolyn Nelson	Beverly, MA	2016-07-06	I'm signing because I have worked in this field my entire career and absolutely know the vast difference that can be made through early detection and remediation of dyslexia.
Jennifer Gambill	Beverly, MA	2016-07-06	As a teacher of young students learning to read I see these warning signs all too often. Parents are not always educated on the next step to take. I work in a low income area so many times the doctors disregard then parent concerns. Let's give all students their next chance to be successful and feel great about learning.
Jennifer Woodin	South Hamilton, MA	2016-07-06	I have been working at a school for students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities for 26 years. I know how crucial it is to screen children at very young age, when they are at the early literacy/emerging readers stage, and then to begin direct, explicit multi-sensory instruction to help improve their phonological awareness for word attack/decoding and reading fluency. Public schools teachers need ongoing training and more resources to help students who struggle with dyslexia.
Paul Howard	Prides Crossing, MA	2016-07-06	I'm a special ed teacher.
Anne Mahoney	Quincy, MA	2016-07-06	It is time to support our students and teacher with real interventions that are scientifically backed. This is a true neurobiological issue that impacts far more than have been diagnosed.
Gouthro Michelle	weymouth, MA	2016-07-06	I'm signing this very important petition because my husband and both of my children are severely dyslexic. I am hopeful that my children will grow up in a time where we identify and appropriately address their learning differences so that they can be successful and happy students. My husband was not so lucky and treated as if he was "dumb" and unable to learn. Kept back 3 times in life instead of being offered the services he desperately needed! That is shameful and has led to many difficulties and anxiety reading as an adult.
carol dumas	quincy, MA	2016-07-06	I founded Avalanche Advocacy Agency, a non-profit educational advocacy and education organization. Children who are diagnosed with dyslexia fight to keep up with their typically learning peers. If a child is not reading at grade level by third grade they will never catch up, and the lack of reading comprehension impacts their performance across the curriculum.
Dawnmarie Shu	Westwood, MA	2016-07-06	DYSLEXIA screening is important to many children who struggle with reading.
Natasha Coyne	Danvers, MA	2016-07-06	I have two young boys both diagnosed with Dyslexia and my town does not service Dyslexia let alone acknowledge it.
Lois Mackey	Tewksbury, MA	2016-07-06	I have had a child and no many other children with this disability. By the time these children get help it is almost too late
Carissa Fraser	Beverly, MA	2016-07-06	I'm signing because I'm dyslexic and early recognition is what allowed me to graduate high school and college and get a great job!
Brette Swanson	So. Hamilton, MA	2016-07-06	We need to screen children at a young age to help those with dyslexia! Hamilton, MA

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Kate Elkind	Marlborough, MA	2016-07-06	I was dyslexic as a child & no one knew it. I had to reach myself to not write backwards. I became a student teacher and was able to help dyslexic children because I understood how they saw things. I can still write forward & backwards & think that students with dyslexia should not be stigmatized or made to feel different. They should be inclusive in everyday classes & the teachers should be taught how to aid the dyslexic children.
Robyn Patnaude	Haverhill, MA	2016-07-06	We need to detect this earlier in our children and not wait until it is detrimental to their future success in life.
Tyler Castagno	Wayland, MA	2016-07-06	Tyler A. Castagno
Nancy Rittenhouse	Waban, MA	2016-07-06	I have a son with severe dyslexia. He needed to leave his community school in order to receive an education. Earlier screening would have helped plan his educational needs sooner. This screening would save so many futures.
Katherine Gass	Reading, MA	2016-07-06	Early identification of dyslexia is critical for affected students. Failure to do so is grossly negligent and prevents the implementation of highly effective research based instructional strategies. Please help dyslexic children achieve their true potential-
Sherry Fuller	Boxford, MA	2016-07-06	Early intervention the key to a child's full potential and success
Dale Smith	Auburndale, MA	2016-07-07	My son was diagnosed on the late side and public school couldn't help. We were lucky to send him to the Landmark School in Beverly MA. We want everyone to be able to get this level of help.
Rita Cavallaro	Haverhill, MA	2016-07-07	Dyslexia in my family
Sharon Pingree-Russell	Marblehead, MA	2016-07-07	Early Intervention in reading is key to a child's self esteem
Scott Houser	Marblehead, MA	2016-07-07	This type of testing would have great helped our Mensa IQ son, who was finally diagnosed as dyslexic at the age of 17 {and at a cost of over \$3K}. He was nearly ruined as a student, and thought to be lazy. He's anything but. Most teachers are CLUELESS when it comes to recognizing the signs, and helping to accommodate the students. As our son says: "I LOVED school, until I was old enough to get grades. Then the frustration and anger took over. I knew I was the brightest in every one of my classes, but nobody else did...least of all the teachers. A++ brain, and a D-- processor. Welcome to Dyslexia." This is critically important. Please act on it.
Janet Houser	Marblehead, MA	2016-07-07	Testing like this might have helped my son with a much earlier diagnosis. Teachers suggested tutoring, we tutored, testing, he was tested etc. He went to great independent schools and great public schools. He was diagnosed with dyslexia at 16.5 years old in 10th grade while at boarding school. He graduated from college, but school was never easy no matter the adjustments. Doctor that evaluated him told us A plus plus brain, D minus processor. Testing indicates that he has a very high IQ. School years were hard on him....hard for his parents to see too.
Margaret Gibson	Lutherville-Timonium, MD	2016-07-07	We know what to do let's do it. There is no need for children to be suffering with the proper identification and intervention children can learn to read and write.
Gary Girotti	Winchester, MA	2016-07-07	I am signing because suffer from dyslexia as do my child. Early intervention is critical to helping people with dyslexia meet their full potential in society.

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Tina Smith Harpin	Uxbridge, MA	2016-07-07	Having a child that was never diagnosed til he was in the 10th grade has caused so many problems throughout his educational years. It not only effected his class work but his emotional well being. The majority of teachers didn't even care to try to help figure out what his learning problem really was. But still expected him to keep up with what they needed for all students to do. The educational system needs to address this in the earlier years and in a proper manor just like every other learning disability instead of taking the easiest way out for the public system and ignoring it. My child would of made alot more progress if this was addressed alot earlier in life and I would have known about it sooner.
Kimberly Budryk	Tewksbury, MA	2016-07-07	I'm a teacher and tired of kids not getting the correct services they need in public school. This is a legitimate disability that is too costly to provide services for in public school so many children suffer with inadequate help! It's time to help our children and stop the ignorance!
Maida Broudo	Beverly, MA	2016-07-07	Every child deserves a chance to learn!
Stephanie Blaikie	Quincy, MA	2016-07-07	I'm signing because I know a young man that has this and he traveled 2 hours a day to go to landmark to help him every school should have teachers that can help these kids
denise copenrath	marshfield, MA	2016-07-07	Denise Copenrath
Kim Lapworth	Sturbridge, MA	2016-07-07	I have 2 children with dyslexia that have struggled and fallen way behind in my public school system I have had to spend thousands of dollars on tutors, outside evaluations and private schooling. This is wrong. My child, and the MANY others like her have a right to a free and appropriate public education.
Michael Tuccillo	Westwood, MA	2016-07-07	My daughter is in third grade and has dyslexia and getting her help is always a struggle.
Sophie Billings	Somerville, MA	2016-07-07	I was helped with my dyslexia as an early child and it made a big difference in my education.
john fettig	Beverly, MA	2016-07-07	John Fettig
Kristen Gennari	Walpole, MA	2016-07-07	This is a no brainer! Children (and parents) shouldn't have to struggle and suffer to get the right support in a school that should accommodate ALL learners.
Lisa Shea	wrentham, MA	2016-07-07	My family has members with dyslexia and some didn't receive the help they needed growing up.
Eric Wholley	Westwood, MA	2016-07-07	This is crucial!
Anne Diemand Bucci	Wendell, MA	2016-07-07	We have had several family members with dyslexia. It is amazing to me to see the ones that received help and how much easier they have had their lives be.
Kathleen Sebok	Rochdale, MA	2016-07-07	As a teacher I see children struggle with reading and how frustrated they are. If we can detect this learning issue earlier we will be able to help so many students become successful.
Martha Somes	Chestnut Hill, MA	2016-07-08	My support for passing this legislation is two-fold- 1. I see this legislation as a way to actually grant children with dyslexia their right to free and appropriate education and 2. I see it as a tremendous opportunity to teach teachers to be more flexible in their approach-to show them that their classroom is diverse, to support them and enable them to feel empowered in reaching all their students. This legislation is crucial for the future of individuals with dyslexia- and for the efficacy of Massachusetts teachers, as educators of these individuals and educators of all children.
Linda William	Charlotte, NC	2016-07-08	I am signing because my two boys and I are dyslexic. My children and their grandchildren deserve F.A.P.E!

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Paula Ruyffelaert	Longmeadow, MA	2016-07-08	Early intervention is critical when treating dyslexia.
Erica Finkelstein	Salem, MA	2016-07-08	our students deserve the best education no matter their learning styles
Deborah Thornton	Lowell, MA	2016-07-08	Very important issue.
Laura Regrut	Lincoln, MA	2016-07-08	I think the research completely shows how important diagnosing dyslexia is.
Emily Lebo	Quincy, MA	2016-07-09	I am signing because I have seen the damage not screening early and providing the RIGHT services can do to a child and the family.
Jessica Caron	Beverly, MA	2016-07-09	Dyslexia is misunderstood. Early intervention leads to more understanding which leads to better experiences in schools for many kids!
Carole Rein	Beverly, MA	2016-07-10	Dyslexia, when identified early, can identify children who need special help learning to read.
dafne cimino	lexington, MA	2016-07-12	I am signing because I have a child with dyslexia determined in 4th grade.
Karen Conley	Amesbury, MA	2016-07-15	Please endource this long over due bill.
ROXANNA Padilla	Oxford, MA	2016-07-16	I care for these children.
marilyn muller	stow, MA	2016-07-16	I am the proud Mother of a highly creative, tenacious, problem-solving, holistic and compassionate Dyslexic daughter. Our Public School systems need to educate themselves on the proper methods to teach these highly intelligent little people instead of waiting for them to fail!
Cheryl Bagshaw	Essex, MA	2016-07-16	This is so important for kids of all ages with dyslexia, these kids otherwise often fall between cracks in our current educational system
Vickie Tarlow	Marblehead, MA	2016-07-16	i have a learning disability and i was not diagnosed with dyslexia because it was not known when i was growing uo
Kerri Schaub	Wenham, MA	2016-07-16	I am an Orton-Gillingham Fellow and Massachusetts licensed Reading Specialist who works with dyslexic students. I am also the mother of a dyslexic son. I have seen the power of early reading intervention. It allows these students to become members of the literate world and reach their dreams. I implore you to sign this significant piece of legislation. It will literally impact lives in ways that are immeasurable. Thank you!
Katie Ollmann	Quincy, MA	2016-07-16	I have 2 children with dyslexia.
Megan Woods	Stow, MA	2016-07-16	This is simply smart
Kristen cannon	Norwood, MA	2016-07-16	We need to do what is right for our children.
Julie Burroughs	Essex, MA	2016-07-16	My daughter has dyslexia. We were fortunate to be able to send her to Landmark but our experience at our local public school prior to was horrible. Their standards need to be raised to address all students needs.
jessica sequinot	brooklyn, NY	2016-07-16	Both my children have Dyslexia, 1 in 5 people.
Karen Bryant	Fairfax, VA	2016-07-16	People with dyslexia need competent diagnosis early so their educational and social development is not impeded.
antonette brown	Stow, MA	2016-07-16	Because No child should be left behind !
Amy DeAvilla	Malden, MA	2016-07-16	My Son

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Lisa Kaye	Framingham, MA	2016-07-16	The children are waiting for this bill to pass because we know that Massachusetts values them as citizens who can achieve with proper remediation for dyslexia . Early screening and early remediation will help teachers , students , families and our society. The " wait to fail method" has not worked . The American Speech, Language and Hearing Association supports early screening at the preschool level - the right tools are available . Please make sure that funding is available to educate the schools on selection of early screening methods and remediation methods that are known to work with dyslexia . Thank you to all the people involved in moving this forward. Dyslexia was discovered 100 years ago . We all know someone with dyslexia since 1 out of 5 people have some degree of dyslexia. This is a very positive and exciting time in the civil rights for dyslexia and it will be wonderful to have Massachusetts join in as we are already a leader in education .
Jennifer Lacroix	Kingston, NH	2016-07-16	I am a parent who has a child with Dyslexia and see and feel the daily struggles he experiences
Sylvie Matte	Milton, MA	2016-07-16	My 10 years old daughter has dyslexia and it has been a nightmare to have her the help that she needs. She is a bright child and was going to drop school early if I didn't work on getting proper help! Her self esteem is just starting to get better, but if I didn't have the means to pay for an advocate and have good sick leave, my daughter would be in depression by now... Please support more help at school for dyslexic kids!! They are smart and will accomplish great things once they can read!!!!
Ruth Ann McDougall	Andover, MA	2016-07-16	This is extremely important for the future of these children
Jean Mothon	Methuen, MA	2016-07-16	I'm signing because my dyslexic son was struggling so much up until 7th grade that I had to pull him out to educate him at home since we could not afford lawyers or special schools.
Tracy pomeroy	Uxbridge, MA	2016-07-17	my son is dyslexic...
Ruth Chinetti	Hanover, MA	2016-07-17	I'm signing because I believe the earlier a child is found to have an issue we can have earlier intervention which will enable that child to SUCCEED in all other areas not only helping them read but boosting their self esteem Children and adults have slipped through the cracks long enough. Let's be proactive not reactive as we have with so many other educational issues
Dawn Macleod-Kulig	Quincy, MA	2016-07-18	My son has dyslexia.
Rhonda Avola	Andover, MA	2016-07-18	In support of a dear friend Marilyn Gleason.
Joanne Elliott	Medford, MA	2016-07-19	My family has had to live with the stigma of dyslexia, and help is much needed
Nancy Callahan	Dighton, MA	2016-07-19	the diagnosis is essential to get needed help
Lisa LaForge	Essex, MA	2016-07-20	I'm signing because there is a problem in receiving help for your child in the school system.
Jori Everitt	Gloucester, MA	2016-07-21	My son is dyslexic & dealing with the public school program has been an epic nightmare. They should have told us sooner it was dyslexia, not talked around it!!
Lindy Recht	Norfolk, MA	2016-07-21	My son is dyslexic and earlier diagnosis would have benefited him. These kids are very bright and need the right instruction in order to reach their potential. Please pass this bill. Thank you!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
melanie kenadek	Warren, MA	2016-07-24	My daughter struggled in school. I battled with the school to help. I had her privately tested and still no help. Transferred her to another district in 6th grade. She could not read. This school immediately started to help and test her. MCAS scored one of the lowest in the country, until the 10th grade when she scored 2 points to low for scholarship. This year she graduated with second honors, and studied AP courses. She will be entering college with majors in Forensic Science, Biology and Art. With school help children with learning disabilities can achieve greatness. Parents, Educators and our government need to give them all the help they need to achieve this! Thank you to Quaboag Regional School District for caring!
Barbra Salerno	Beverly, MA	2016-07-25	My son has dyslexia and the schools are NOT equipped to help him !!!!
Jen Murray	Rockland, MA	2016-07-25	I have worked in the fields of specialized reading instruction and special education advocacy for many years and have witnessed first hand how the current special education entitlements neglect the unique needs of dyslexic learners.
Ryan Joy	Swampscott, MA	2016-07-25	I am signing this petition to show support for my son who has Dsylexia and MA should create more support.
Ana Glavin	Quincy, MA	2016-07-26	Kids need as much as help as possible to learn and learning will give them the best chance to succeed as adults
Bridget O'Brien	Quincy, MA	2016-07-26	My sisters both have dyslexia and I see them struggle and want to make a change in Massachusetts school systems.