TO: Committee on Education

FROM: William N. Brownsberger

RE: S312 and H463

DATE: February 16, 2016

I am writing in support of S312, An Act to address the special education needs of children with dyslexia and H463, An Act relative to providing screening for dyslexia.

Early diagnosis and intervention can make a life-changing difference for children by improving their experience at school. Presently there is inconsistency in early screening; some students are privately tested, others are held back, and some receive no resources or interventions until after the age of 12. Early screening and intervention should be available to all students in a uniform way.

I hope that you will give S312 and H463 a favorable report.