Submitted Written Testimony of Cory Carlotto

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Hi, my name is Cory Carlotto, and I am 30 years old.

I live in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and grew up in Dalton, Massachusetts.

I am a SDM Member of the Nonotuck and Center Public Representation Pilot Program from Massachusetts.

I have developmental delays, and I am on the autism spectrum. I live in independent living. I require help learning how to handle my apartment and to understand my choices when I have a decision to make.

My parents placed me under guardianship at age 18 until I matured. Nothing else was available.

On November 17, 2015, I was the first person in the Massachusetts courts to have their guardianship replaced by Supported Decision Making. My supporters help me understand my choices in life, but **I** make my **own** decisions. This is **MY** life.

This written testimony is a transcript of submitted video testimony
You can read more about Cory's story at https://supporteddecisions.org/stories-of-supported-decision-making/corys-story/