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Hello. My name is Jordyn Zimmerman. I am a 26-year-old white female. I currently live in Massachusetts while I attend Boston College. However, I grew up in Ohio and will return there after graduation.

I am autistic and need support to do many activities throughout my day. I communicate by typing words and sentences on an iPad application, which then speaks aloud.

I did not start typing until I was 18 years old.

By this time, the school had already told my parents I had to be put under guardianship. My parents met with a lawyer and ultimately we were able to extend their divorce decree to create an extended duty of support, which allowed them to help make decisions

regarding my education and medical needs, while also giving me the autonomy to make decisions affecting my own life.

I have my own bank account. I vote. I choose my health providers. I hang out with my friends. And I choose what I want to do each day.

Guardianship would limit any decisions I have the right to make about how I want to live, and is not a solution.

Thank you.

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