

June 30, 2005

Ms. Margaret Ann Lombardi
64 Pond Street
Brewster, MA 02631

Dear Ms. Lombardi,

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I would like to inform you that several bills concerning CHINS and DSS have been referred to the Joint Committee on Children and Families, which I Chair.

On July 12 at 10:30 AM there will be a hearing for the following bills relevant to your situation. First, we will hear a bill presented by Representative Atsalis titled, "An Act Relative to Children in Need of Services." Second we will hear a bill presented by Representative Garry, "Resolve Providing for an Investigation and Study by a Special Commission Relative to Adolescents at Risk." Third we will hear "An Act to Further the Interests of Children in Need of Services," and, "An Act Relative to the CHINS System," presented by Senator Creedon and Representative Donato respectively. Lastly, we will hear "An Act Relative to Changing the Definition of Children in Need of Services" presented by Representative Hall.

Once again, thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Senator Karen E. Spilka
2nd Middlesex and Norfolk