

My name is Roxy and I am the mother of Sheila Brines. Sheila is deaf and blind.

Sheila has had several jobs over the years but most of her work has come from sheltered workshops.

Sheila has always enjoyed going to work and likes being on a set schedule.

When her schedule would change or she would lose her job unexpectedly, it would affect her behavior.

Sheila needs to be able to work on a consistent schedule and in a consistent environment so that she can learn it and make her way through it safely.

Typically, Sheila likes to work anywhere from 15 to 20 hours per week, 3-5 days per week.

She has always been praised for being on task and focused on her work.

She needs to be able to do the same thing for a while before she is moved to something different.

It takes her some time to learn the new task with her hands but, once she learns it, she is very proficient.

We support HB 2219 because it allows Sheila to work in a safe setting on projects that she can be very successful with.