TO: Judge of District Court

First Judicial District

Court File Number: 19HA-PR-16-658
Case Type: Guardianship/Conservatorship
In re: the guardianship of Charles Paul Helmer

STATEMENT BY ANN MARIE FULLER

Your Honor,

For the Court, I am **Ann Marie Fuller**, loving mother, whose following opinion, has been derived from a lifetime spent with my son, recently limited to only 1 to 3 brief visits a week ever since he's been away from home, my statement is based on these personal interactions, observations, and on full - life experiences with my son, from these, I believe that my only son: **Charles Paul Helmer**, may be either high -functioning schizoaffective, or, high - functioning autistic, also that he "is not incapacitated" ... I know this to be true by his own actions, of which I have briefly outlined below. I am without doubt that my only son is generally able to care for himself with only a little supervision, minor guidance, or assistance, and whenever he is unsure about something, he simply asks for advice.

On a daily basis, he picks out which clothes he wishes to wear, dresses himself, and he is fully capable of crossing roads without needing assistance, guidance, or supervision, he does his own shopping, makes his own choice of clothes, shoes, socks, underwear, hats, jackets, pajamas, cellphone, personal self – care incidentals, and groceries, he has always had his own room, which he has always kept orderly, clean and vacuumed, he shower's regularly, does his own laundry, prepares food alongside me and even cooks for himself, eats, then cleans the dishes and puts them properly away in the cupboards. Additionally, by his own efforts, he held a part-time job at a company near to our home.

Finally, I disagree 100% of him as being deemed unable to care for himself as diagnosed by people who are strangers to him and who I feel really don't know him as I do, I say this because he has always been able to care for himself by doing all the things necessary to live a happy and full - life, the only reason I feel that he has been deemed unable to care for himself is because of the many disadvantages of his current living environment, which restricts him from doing things that a normal person does in the course of an average American day, these normal daily things which he currently does himself reassures me that if my son was living at home, he would have the opportunity to make his own choices at living a happy and full – life... The real diagnosis is that Charles is an overly shy, caring, modest, sometimes mis - understood, high - functioning and highly intelligent individual, just ask him what his IQ test score was, he will tell you. Plese allow me a second chance to give my son a happy, full – life.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Fuller