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**LOCAL HOA DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CHILD WITH AUTISM**  
**Littleton HOA Refuses to Allow Fence for Eight-Year-old**

DENVER -- Today a Littleton family was forced to sue their homeowners association because the Southbridge II Property Owners Association has refused to provide a reasonable accommodation under the Fair Housing Act to approve a standard privacy fence designed to protect their eight-year-old son who has autism.

Fletcher Illig is an eight-year-old child with autism, which causes him to be unable to speak. Fletcher is extremely active and curious, and as a result, runs and wanders from his family's home when something outside his home and yard sparks his interest. Even with a high level of supervision and extra security measures - such as door locks, a fence, and a global positioning system monitor - Fletcher still escapes his home and yard, jeopardizing his health and safety. Fletcher's doctor and therapists recommended that his family build a standard six-foot cedar privacy fence that Fletcher is unable to see or climb over. Despite this, the Illig's HOA refuses to approve the fence, and have instead placed a number of impermissible conditions for the fence to remain.

"Fletcher's fence is identical to over 100 fences in our neighborhood," said Jean Illig, Fletcher's mother. "Even our next door neighbor has an identical fence. I can't believe they are putting HOA bureaucracy over the safety of my son."

"The Fair Housing Act requires homeowners associations, such as Southbridge II, to provide reasonable accommodations and permit fences like Fletcher's," said Carrie Ann Lucas, the Illig's attorney. "The fact that there are so many identical fences demonstrates that approving the fence is a reasonable accommodation."

The Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition is Colorado's largest statewide cross-disability organization run by and for individuals with disabilities, with over 3000 members statewide.

The Illigs are also represented by Fox & Robertson, P.C., who were lead counsel in the recent landmark nationwide class-action settlement against Kmart.

The lawsuit seeks approval of the fence, unspecified damages for the plaintiffs and attorneys' fees.

A copy of the filed complaint is attached in .pdf format. If you need an accessible version, please contact [info@ccdconline.org](mailto:info@ccdconline.org). You can also access the complaint by visiting [www.ccdconline.org/legal/southbridge.htm](http://www.ccdconline.org/legal/southbridge.htm).

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