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As a parent of a 23 year old autistic young man with other serious medical issues such as epilepsy and a thyroid disorder, it can be challenging to balance his desire for independence with the need to keep him safe and healthy. Life is already limited in many ways for him because of his medical condition. This is why it is so important to give him as much opportunity to make choices for himself as possible so he feels whole and fulfilled as a human being. Everyone needs this and has a right to this. It is a fundamental human as well as constitutional right to be free to make choices and have control over our lives as much as possible. Everyone should have the right to choose how they spend their days, who they hang out with, what they do, and where and how they should live. Just because someone has special needs that prevent them from earning a living on their own does not mean they should give up their fundamental freedoms. This should not even be up for debate. Freedom--life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That is the bottom line and the only thing that should matter. Life is already restrictive for people with special needs--why take away their choices too?

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