

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0372

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Senate Finance

February 5, 2025

Dear Honorable Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and Members of the Committee,

CASA strongly supports Senate Bill 372- Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025. CASA is a national powerhouse organization building power and improving the quality of life in working-class: Black, Latino/a/e, Afro-descendent, Indigenous, and Immigrant communities.

With a membership of over 173,000 members, CASA creates change with its power-building model blending human services, community organizing, and advocacy to serve the full spectrum of the needs, dreams, and aspirations of members. For nearly forty years, CASA has employed grassroots community organizing to bring our communities closer together and fight for justice, while simultaneously providing much-needed services, including navigation for health and human services.

Senate Bill 372, is essential in ensuring continued access to telehealth services for patients across our state who face barriers in receiving in person care. Over the past several years, telehealth has proven to be a vital tool in expanding healthcare access, particularly for individuals in rural areas, those with mobility challenges, and patients seeking mental health and substance use treatment.

CASA respectfully asks the committee to submit a favorable report on SB 372.