

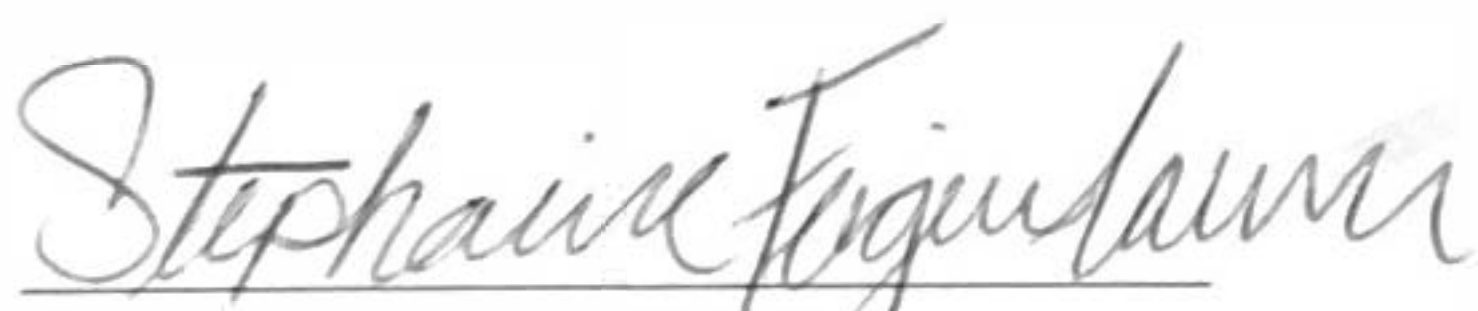
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 849

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Senate Finance Committee

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I am writing in support of HB 849, a bill that seeks to remove charges for medical records for people applying for public benefits such as Social Security Disability. My role is to assist people with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with applying for such benefits. My non-profit organization has no budget to pay for records, and medical records are needed to prove disability. Neither we nor the applicant has the funds to pay. This is a much needed piece of legislation.



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