

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 as a SOAR Case Manager 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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