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Judiciary Committee

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Dear Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Moon and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The purpose of this bill is to increase, from \$10,000 to \$45,000, the maximum compensation that may be awarded by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) per claimant for specified psychiatric, psychological, or mental health counseling and prohibits CICB from setting maximum compensation award thresholds lower than specified thresholds in statute.

So, which is more important, mental health or physical health? The link between physical and mental health is complex, but the answer is simple your body needs both mental health and physical health to function properly and let you live a happy and healthy life.

Therefore, I urge a favorable vote on HB 549 because there should be equality when providing physical or mental health services when a victim compensation claim arises.

Thank you,

Delegate Mike McKay

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